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CONFERENCE TO END THE
BOYCOTT?

DELEGATES' DOINGS.

Time Conversations Were
Resumed.

Nothing in their accredited capacity was done to-day by the two delegates from Canton, who, representing the four native Chambers of Commerce, are here in connection with arriving at a settlement of the boycott of Hongkong. They return to-morrow.

As Mr. Ho Kwong, chairman of the Twenty-four Commercial Guilds, informed the delegates yesterday, it is not exactly within the province of the Hongkong Chinese merchants to form organisations to decide how the "strike" is to be settled, the Hongkong Government having intimated that this is a matter for the respective Governments.

Still, the visit of the "peace mission" has had one beneficial effect. The air has been cleared, so to speak, for a continuation of the "conversations" between the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, as Hongkong's spokesman, and whoever is officially empowered to represent Canton. It will be recalled that these conversations—at which it was put plainly that Hongkong would not countenance strike pay—were adjourned sine die, to be resumed before any conference.

Canton Reports.

Canton reports say that Mr. Eugene Chen, acting Foreign Minister, and Mr. Lu King-to (who achieved a great deal as peace-maker in the Siam's Strike) are to be Canton's official spokesmen.

Another point of view is this: It having been communicated to the Canton Government, by all classes in Canton, that a settlement is desirable, the officials will be able to take the initiative the more easily. A favourable report by Mr. Leung Pui-ki and Mr. Ma Pak-nin would help matters along.

On the whole, it is felt that unless unforeseen circumstances arise, a conference will be held shortly between the two Governments, on a proper footing. What its outcome will be remains to be seen. The sponsors of this prediction is that the leading merchants in Canton now enjoy the Kuomintang's respect and goodwill to such an extent that Mr. Leung and Mr. Ma would not have been sent on a fruitless errand.

THE WEATHER.

FINE TO CLOUDY UNTIL
TO-MORROW.

DISTANT TYPHOON.

Until noon to-morrow, the forecast is East winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

A Manila cable yesterday evening gave warning of a cyclone or typhoon near or over the Pelew Islands, direction unknown.

This morning's Observatory report states that pressure has decreased moderately from central China to N. Indo-China and slightly elsewhere. The anti-cyclone has weakened. It is now central over Tokyo. A depression lies over Indo-China.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

VISIT TO CHEUNG
CHAU.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, is on a visit to-day to Cheung Chau, where he is expected to meet the inhabitants collectively and afterward pay a house to house call.

A Chinese was found dead at the Fanling Railway station yesterday. The body, identified as that of a P.W.D. road cooler, was sent to the mortuary.

The Kailan Mining Administration inform us that the total output of the Administration's mines for the week ending May 22, 1926, amounted to 51,587 tons, and the sales during the period to 40,033 tons.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/2 13/16.

FIRE REPORT.

CONSIDERED BY OFFICES
CONCERNED.

DISCUSSION LATER.

Enquiries made in official quarters this morning with regard to the report of the Committee which considered suggestions and made recommendations with regard to improvement of our local fire fighting organisation, elicited the information that the report was being considered by the various Government offices concerned.

When the report of these offices has been received, the matter will be brought up for discussion.

CHINA'S TARIFF.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE
CONFERENCE.

ATTITUDE DEFINED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 7.—In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that by accepting the resolution on the Tariff Conference on November 19, His Majesty's Government was committed to agree to the insertion in the Treaty which the Conference was endeavouring to frame of an article granting China tariff autonomy on January 1, 1929. He said that up to the present, owing to the political disturbances in China, little progress had been made in drafting the Treaty. His Majesty's Government was not committed in any other respect.

Mr. Locker-Lampson added that the agreement of the Powers to grant tariff autonomy in 1929 and the Chinese Government's undertaking to abolish likin by then was not an article at present, but stood expressly independent. His Majesty's Government, before completing the negotiations, and not pleading for an actual grant of tariff autonomy, would undoubtedly expect China at least to initiate measures extending a fair hope of the ultimate abolition of likin.

FOREIGN LEGION.

AMERICAN LIABLE TO
EXECUTION.

PLEA FOR A DESERTER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, June 7.—Mr. F. Kellogg, Secretary of State, has instructed Mr. Myron Herrick, U.S. Ambassador in Paris, to intercede with the French Government on behalf of Bennett J. Doty, also known as Gilbert Clare, a private in the Foreign Legion, who is stated to be liable to execution on a charge of attempted desertion.

STATE SHIPS.

VICTORY FOR ITALY IN
AMERICA.

IMPORTANT RULING.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, June 7.—The Supreme Court has declared immune from the American Admiralty law merchant ships owned by foreign Governments employed in the carriage of merchandise. This ruling is a victory for Italy, whose Ambassador claimed immunity for the steamer *Pearo*, which was involved in a suit for damages.

DUTCH SUBMARINE.

CRUISE TO THE EAST
INDIES.

"BEHAVING WELL."

(Reuter's Service.)

Horta (Azores), June 7.—The Dutch submarine, which is travelling unattended to the Dutch East Indies, has arrived here. She attained a top speed of 18 knots, and it is considered that she behaved well, proving that the new design is satisfactory.

COAL STOPPAGE.

MASTERS AND MEN TO
MEET.

OUTSIDE OPTIMISM.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, June 7.

It is anticipated that the Miners' Executive, when it meets to-morrow morning, will accept the invitation of Mr. Evan Williams, President of the Coalowners' Association, to a joint, informal meeting with a view to a resumption of the negotiations.

Mr. A. J. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, stated to-

CANTON BOYCOTT.

HANDICAP OF CONTINUAL
CHANGES.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 7.

In the House of Commons, Commander Kenworthy, Liberal, Central Hull, asked what steps were being taken to improve the position arising out of the Canton boycott?

Mr. L. S. M. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply, said that the Hongkong Government had neglected no opportunity of attempting to restore normal relations, but it was severely handicapped by the continual political changes in Canton. Everything possible was being done to remove the unfortunate state of affairs.

Replying to Mr. H. W. Locker, Conservative, South-East Essex, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that no new arrangements were being considered as regards British diplomatic representation in Peking.

day that he was prepared to recommend to the Miners' Executive an acceptance of the invitation. He, however, repeated his often made declaration that the miners would only discuss a basis of a new agreement which does not involve longer hours or the lowering of wages.

Mr. Herbert Smith, President of the Coalowners' Federation, also declared that he stood firm on these points until the Coal Commission's report had been thoroughly sifted.

On the other hand, it is stated on behalf of the coalowners that they have no new proposals to make, and that a solution can only be found in some accommodation without wages or hours or districts agreements.

In spite of these declarations, the expected resumption of the negotiations, is regarded in outside circles as offering some prospect of the coal stoppage, which is now in its sixth week, being brought to an end.

BALDWIN'S PART.

"ONE OF GREAT TRIUMPHS
OF HISTORY."

FREEDOM OF EDINBURGH.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, June 7.

The Freedom of the City of Edinburgh was conferred upon the Prime Minister to-day in the presence of a large gathering.

Presenting to Mr. Baldwin the silver casket containing the Freedom, the Lord Provost, Sir William L. Sleigh, said that the Prime Minister came fresh from one of the great triumphs of history. Mr. Baldwin was the man of the hour, and it was no small satisfaction to the citizens of Edinburgh that it had fallen to them to give him the first formal expression of the gratitude which all his fellow-countrymen owed him for the way in which he had successfully brought them through one of the greatest crises in their history.

TRAFFIC DAY.

SEQUEL TO TAXICAB
SMASH.

POLICE COURT CASES.

An accident in which a taxicab crashed into a post near Statue Square involving injuries to a passenger was recalled before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese motor car driver was charged with reckless driving. There was an additional charge against him of failing to notify his change of address.

Sub-inspector Alexander termed this as a serious case of a motor car coming out of a side street into a main thoroughfare without giving a warning. He said that on May 25, shortly after midnight, the car came out of Wardley Street into Des Voeux Road and turned in an easterly direction. A taxicab which was then coming into town had to pull up suddenly to avoid a collision, but skidded and ran into a post.

Sub-inspector McLennan who was a passenger in the taxi, was injured and had been nine days in hospital. Although not quite recovered from his injuries, Sub-inspector McLennan was present in Court and intimated that he did not wish to bring any claim for compensation.

Defendant was fined \$10 on the charge of failing to notify his change of address. The other charge, the Magistrate said, was a very serious one which might have involved loss of life and actually caused injuries to a police officer. He would be fined \$100.

Obstruction.

A charge of causing obstruction with his motor car at Pedder Street on May 29 was preferred against Professor Faid, of the Hongkong University. He pleaded ignorance of the regulations and was fined \$5.

A Dangerous Practice.
The offence of allowing a learner to have control of a car in a public thoroughfare resulted in a summons against the licensed driver. The learner was also charged with driving without a licence.

Sub-inspector Alexander pointed out the danger by stating that the car was being driven past the Naval Dockyard just at a time when crowds of employees were leaving for their noon-day meal.

Fines of \$15 on the driver and \$10 on the learner were imposed.

BANDITS' WORK?

UP-COUNTRY A.P.C. MAN
KILLED.

LATE MR. PHILIPS.

News has been received in Hongkong of the recovery from the river of the body of Mr. J. M. Philips, manager of the A.P.C. branch at Nanning, whose capture by bandits near TaiPing was reported a week or so ago. Mr. Philips at the time was on his way to Nanning from Lungchow. A body of troops was reported at the time to have been despatched from Lungchow to locate the bandits and effect the release of Mr. Philips, and it is presumed that the bandits in the course of their retreat killed their captive and disposed of the body.

Mr. Philips, who was about 24 years of age, came out with the Company about two years ago and was stationed for a time at Wuchow. The district in which he was captured has gained notoriety in connection with the activities of bandits which infest that area.

ACCIDENTS.

A Chinese employee received severe injuries to his head in a machinery accident at the Naval Dockyard yesterday. The man was removed to hospital in a serious condition.

In another accident yesterday, a refinery worker was taken to hospital suffering from scalds to his body. He had a fall while carrying a bucket of boiling sugar. Attempting to escape by jumping through a window during a raid for opium, by revenue officers at No. 55, Wu Chau Street, a Chinese received injuries to his legs and body. The man is now in hospital.

HEALTH BUREAU.

THANKS TO GOVERNMENTS
IN EAST.

FREE BROADCASTING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, June 7.

The League Council endorsed the Health Committee's appreciation of thanks to the Governments of French Indo-China, the Dutch East Indies, British North Borneo, and India for broadcasting free of charge the reports of the Singapore epidemiological intelligence weekly, from Saigon, Malabar, Sandakan, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Karachi.

CANTON'S WAR.

WHAT WU PEI-FU'S ARMY
COMPRISES.

DESERTIONS ALLEGED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, June 5.

The Nationalist Government's espionage system, operating in Hunan, has sent to Canton word that Ip Hoi-yun's army in Hunan now numbers 92 battalions, eight regiments, and two brigades, a total of about 19,000 men. In addition he has at his command five river gunboats.

The names of many of the commanders, who are now associated with the northern forces are a revelation of the fact that some Kwangtung commanders have gone over to Wu Pei-fu's side, and that many of the Hunan generals who were expected to fight for the Kuomintang cause are siding with the "enemy" now pressing down from the North.

These forces are listed as follows:—

The first division of the Hunan army.

The first brigade.

The second division of the Hunan army.

The second and third brigades.

The first brigade of the northern Kwangtung army.

The second northern Kwangtung brigade.

The first division of the northern Kwangtung (former Chan Kwang-ming) forces, commanded by General Tse Man-ping.

The first branch or left wing of the Hunan army, which includes the well-armed eleventh brigade.

The second branch or right wing of the Hunan army, including the sixth brigade.

The third branch of the Hunan forces and the fifth brigade.

The fourth branch of the Hunan forces, including the fourteenth brigade as "shock" troops.

The so-called "independent brigade" of Hunan, headed by the fifth branch of Hunanese fighters.

The sixth branch, which includes a brigade of troops from Hupeh.

The eleventh branch, Hunan forces, including two regiments recruited by General Chow Shun-yan.

Yu Yun-sun's two regiments of Hupeh troops.

Sun Kin-ih, who commands two Hupeh regiments.

Two more Hupeh regiments, and some Yunnanese troops bracketed with them.

Two brigades of Kiangsi troops. [Note:—Part of these troops have already crossed the northern frontier, and are said to be pressing back Tang Shang-chi's forces.]

CHINESE ACCOUNTS.

RULING ON PHILIPPINES
LAW.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, June 7.

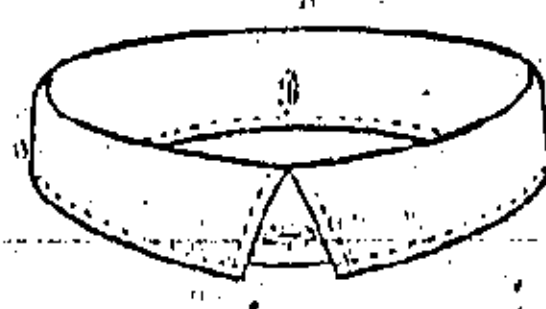
The Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional the Philippine law requiring commercial accounts to be kept in English, Spanish, or some local dialect.

Yu Cong-eng and Company, the plaintiffs, claimed that of 85,000 merchants in the Philippines, 12,000 were Chinese and the law seriously handicapped them.

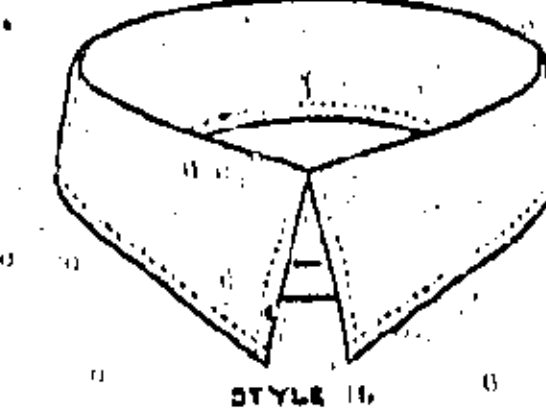
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INTERPORT DINNER.

HONGKONG AS GUESTS AT SINGAPORE.

DICK HANCOCK'S SPEECH.

Victors and vanquished gathered together at the Europe Hotel on Saturday (May 29) evening, when the Hongkong and Malaya cricket teams were entertained to dinner by the Singapore Cricket Club. The President, Mr. R. J. Farrer, occupied the chair and on his right was His Excellency the Governor, Sir Laurence Guillemard, those also present including the G.O.C., His Excellency Major-General Sir Theodore Fraser, the Chief Justice, Sir William Morrison, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Hayes, Marriott, the Attorney-General, Mr. M. H. Whitley, Mr. G. Hemmant, the captains and members of the Hongkong and Malaya teams and a large number of supporters. Mr. R. H. B. Hancock, the visitors' captain, was seated on the left of the chairman and Mr. N. J. Foster, Malaya's skipper, on the right of His Excellency the Governor.

The function was festive in character and marked by good humour and geniality, and the brief speeches were admirably worded, the occasion, in every way, proving a pronounced success.

The toast of The King was honoured on the call of His Excellency the Governor, and the chairman, in a humorous speech, proposed the health of the Hongkong Cricket team. Mr. Farrer thought it was a rather pitiable thing that a man should be a wonderful "silly-point" and able to bat, yet could not bowl. By that he meant that Mr. Foster proposed to make the speech proposing the toast of the visitors. (Laughter.)

Cricket a Funny Game.

His Excellency was deeply disappointed that, owing to pressure of work, he had not been able to extend to the Hongkong team the measure of hospitality he would have liked, but he hoped that the visitors would grace the proceedings at the King's Birthday Ball at Government House on June 3. (Applause.) This visit of Hongkong was a tardy one, but Malaya was all the more pleased to welcome them on this occasion, and he hoped that the interval would not be so long before the next visit of the Hongkong team. Cricket was a funny game, and they knew that the light conditions in Singapore were not what they were expected to be, but the Hongkong team were full of good-will in order to play the game, win or lose, without any ranking. He noticed in the afternoon paper that the Canton boycott had been lifted and it might have been that this news reached the ears of that Hongkong team by some means or other, before it had reached theirs in Singapore. (Laughter.)

In conclusion the chairman expressed the hope that the Hongkong team in future would come to Malaya much sooner and oftener. (Applause.)

Value of Interport Contests.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm and Mr. Hancock on rising to reply, was greeted with much cheering. The company might think it funny, stated Mr. Hancock, that he should have pleasure in replying for the Hongkong team after their performance that day, but he had two very good reasons. The first was that they were honoured that evening by the presence of His Excellency the Governor—and a brother Carthusian. (Applause.) The second reason was that the first interport match in which he participated in the Far East was against Malaya in Hongkong in 1901, and he thought on that occasion he made more runs than he did that day. (Laughter and applause.) One of the members of the team was present that night—the Attorney-General, and he believed that Mr. Whitley was responsible for getting him out when he had made nearly 100 runs. ("Shame.")

These trials of skill between the two ports, said Mr. Hancock, added a very welcome and valuable variation to the monotony of local sport and also tended to establish more firmly the bonds which should exist between communities in the Far East. (Applause.) Perhaps there were a few disgruntled persons who thought it an unjustifiable procedure for two or three weeks of hard-working time to be given up to visits of that kind, but he believed that they were very few in number. He did not think that any harm whatever resulted, but nothing but good. (Applause.) Whether they won or lost the match did not much matter, so long as the game was played in the right spirit. (Cheers.) His experience went back a good many years and he had always found that those



Capt. George H. Wilkins, Polar explorer, who temporarily disappeared whilst flying from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Point Barrow, from which he hoped to fly to the Pole.

matches between Malaya, Shanghai, and Hongkong had always been played in the very best spirit. When they went home to Hongkong they would carry away with them nothing but the very happiest recollections of a delightful time. Old friendships had been renewed and many new ones had been made that day and would be made in the coming week in Kuala Lumpur. (Applause.)

Hongkong's Invitation.

He thanked them all most heartily for the reception accorded the Hongkong team and the comfort and entertainment provided. The Hongkong team would carry away with them the most delightful memories of a charming visit. They would welcome a visit from Malaya in November or December either this year or next, and would try, in some small way, to return the hospitality shown to the Hongkong team by the people of Malaya. (Loud cheers.)

Bostock-Hill Gets "the Ball."

Calls for the Malaya captain brought Mr. N. J. Foster to his feet and in the course of happy-voiced speech he mentioned that Malaya in the game just concluded had the luck of the toss. It was the proudest moment of his life to captain the Malaya side. (Applause.) He had never had the pleasure of going up to Hongkong, in a Malaya side, but those who had gone had come back so enthusiastic about the hospitality they received, that he wished he had gone instead of trying to grow a bit of rubber. (Laughter.) With regard to the match they must have noticed the absolute doggedness of Mr. Hancock in both innings when he went in to bat. There was not the usual smile on his face when there was something to be done. His whole intention was to stay at the wicket and make some runs. (Applause.) The Malaya side was fortunate in the game just finished in winning the toss, and he patted himself on the back. (Laughter and applause.)

On behalf of the F.M.S. he wished to thank the S.C.C. and everybody concerned in Singapore for the excellent manner in which the arrangements had been made and carried out for the match and for the admirable entertainment provided. The S.C.C. were very kindly presenting the ball—suitably mounted—used in Hongkong's first innings to Mr. Bostock-Hill. (Loud cheers.) He hoped to go up to Hongkong with a Malaya side in a year or two and give the visitors a chance of regaining the flag. (Cheers.)

The remainder of the evening was spent in a festive manner—Singapore "Free Press."

Berlin, May 19. — Captain Arnold Reckberg, head of Germany's great potash Trust and leading advocate of a Franco-German alliance, declared in an interview to-day that he was "absolutely opposed to any disarmament." "In a few years," he said, "most of Europe will need every gun and every ounce of ammunition against the Russian hordes. Why should we disarm while Russia is preparing for the final struggle?"

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THE GENIUS OF MILAN.

TOSCANINI FEARED AND ADORED.

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It is no building for scanty audiences or mediocre performances. In such a space the dimness of the second-rate would be unendurable. But audiences at the Scala are nowadays never scanty. The house is always full. Although a stall costs about 21 (or on special occasions a good deal more), it is not easy to get a seat. The box-office exhibits the sign "esaurito" (exhausted—i.e., sold out), and you must go to the traders who haunt the portico.

Every passing traveller wants to see a performance at the Scala. There is good reason. The Scala under Toscanini is first-rate.

I heard there the other night Verdi's "Trovatore"—an opera at which some too clever folk may sniff. I am a convinced Verdi fan, but I never before realised what a fiery masterpiece, beautiful and thrilling, that "Trovatore" is. But in England none but the elderly have seen the "Trovatore" in a first-rate performance, and never has anyone seen there such a performance of the work as Toscanini gave.

Toscanini is a conductor of genius. He is more like Nikiel than anyone else living.

What an experience it was to witness his unfurling of the splendid old score! On such terms there is a brave future for early Verdi. Toscanini is a dictator, a tyrant here. Opera at the Scala proves that tyranny (if the power is in the right hands) is the best regime for opera.

He must be both feared and adored. The spring and zest in the orchestra told us that. The singers included a superb soprano, Claudia Muzio; as baritone, our robust, ardent Covent Garden friend, Benvenuto Franci; a rather less excellent tenor, Bertile; and as the gipsy a fine dramatic contralto with an uneven scale, Elvira Casazza.

Everything on the stage was as handsome as handsome could be. Infinite pains had been spent on the preparation. But the crowning gift was Toscanini's. He it was who seized and brought to light the essential poetry, not and palpitating, of the old masterpiece—Richard Capell, in the "Daily Mail."



Dr. Harry W. Martin, a physician, has filed a divorce suit against Sylvia Brammer, a cinema actress, declaring that she slapped him, called him a brute, threw furniture at him, and even tore the coat off his back when he insisted on attending a medical meeting.

COOLIE KILLED BY SAILOR.

Nanking, May 29. — A dispute over a richa fare led to struggles between negro sailors of a ship belonging to the International Export Company here and Chinese richa coolies at 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Hsia Kwan, which resulted in a richa coolie being shot dead. The negroes were on their way to their ship from the Chinese City when the trouble occurred.

There were at first rumours that the Chinese here would probably spread anti-British handbills on the ground of the sailors being of "British nationality," and that the Chinese workers of the International Export Company would go on strike. But due to the strict precautions taken by the Chinese authorities, there has so far arisen no disturbance of any kind. With the May 30 incident directly ahead, the populace here are feeling very uneasy.

MOROS KILL MORE SOLDIERS.

CONSTABULARY CLEAN UP COTTAS AND KILLED 50.

Dansalan, May 27. — Colonel Stevens with Major Fletcher and J. Hanson returned to Tugaya on May 26 at 6 a.m. with constabulary soldiers, on board the launch "General Blanco."

The fight started at 9 a.m. and the constabulary cleaned the cottas in Makayong. As a result of the encounter, one constabulary soldier was killed and seven others wounded.

Four officers were also wounded, including Captain Olimpia and Lieutenants Tumelden, Villanueva and Lelis.

The soldiers returned to camp Keithley at 4 p.m.

At 7 p.m. yesterday, the rebels attacked the constabulary detach-



Mr. Frederic C. Bird, Pittsburgh prohibition administrator, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that he owed his job to Mr. Elbert H. Gary, of the U.S. Steel Corporation, and in addition to his Government pay of \$500 a month, was receiving \$15,000 a year from the steel concern.

ment left at the church in Tugaya. Two soldiers died and two others were wounded.

Three more constabulary soldiers were killed, and two lieutenants and five enlisted men severely wounded when the constabulary stormed the Macayong cottas last Wednesday according to reports received at Constabulary headquarters yesterday morning.

The killed: Private Tamayo, Second General Service Company.

Private Ballaran, First Com-

pany.

Private Belaro, 94th Company.

The wounded: Lieutenant Lelis.

Lieutenant Tomelden.

And five other enlisted men.

Colonel Stevens also reported that the last cotta would be taken within this week. The number of Moro casualties is estimated at 50 persons.

The telegram from Colonel Stevens follows:

"Macayong cotta taken to-day after severe fighting. Pvt. Tamayo, Second General Service Company, killed five enlisted men. Lieutenants Lelis and Tomelden slightly wounded. Stop night twenty-fifth. Lieutenant Ramos and detachment attacked by Moros Tugaya killing Private Ballaran ninety-first Company and Pvt. Belaro ninety-fourth Company stop expect take remaining cottas this week stop impossible ascertain exact number Moros killed to date and friendly data refuse go into infected region we estimate fifty persons."—"P.H."

POLICE ACCUSED OF BRIBES.

Four members of the police force of Calococan are under investigation for alleged dereliction in duty and acceptance of bribes, says the "Manila Bulletin" of May 31. Charges to this effect were filed recently by a citizen of Calococan.

The complaint alleges that on February 28, four policemen raided a house and took three Filipina and three Chinese girls to the municipal building for investigation for alleged violation of the vagrancy law. No entry was made on the police blotter and it is charged that the girls were set at liberty upon payment of P180.

In connection with this case an officer of the intelligence division of the constabulary has been sent to Calococan to investigate the alleged illegal possession of a revolver by Faustino Pascual. It was reported to the constabulary that Cornelio Cordero, chief of police at Calococan, has been lending his pistol to a person not licensed to carry a firearm and Pascual is suspected of being the recipient of the chief's alleged generosity.

SNAKE YARNS.

EQUIVALENT TO THE ENGLISH "TALL STORY."

Snake yarns are not necessarily about snakes. The term is merely the African equivalent of the English "tall story."

True, there are plenty of genuine snake yarns, says Captain Ian McLaren. I remember once, when on a shooting expedition in the Transvaal, meeting three Australians whose hobby it was to catch poisonous snakes by the back of the neck. They then waggled a glass container in front of the reptile, rousing it to fury and causing it to bite again and again, leaving each time a drop of poison on the glass. This poison commands a high price among chemicals, and the Australians made a tidy sum out of their hobby.

But it was a most bloodcurdling operation to watch. The sudden pounce on the snake, the teasing it to frenzy, and then, when its poison gland was exhausted, the quick shifting of grip from the neck to the tail and the cracking of it like a whip lash, to break its neck, make my blood run cold even now.

That is a story about snakes; here, however, is a "snake yarn" in the true—or perhaps I had better say "untrue"—sense of the term. It is told of an old Dutchman who lived in Pietersburg. It was his delight to waylay shooting parties in the bar or on the veranda of their hotel, and regale them with marvellous tales of the hunting exploits of his youth. His aim, of course, was liquid refreshment.

He spoke in a mixture of South African Dutch, Afrikaans, and English, and his most famous tale—translated—ran like this:—"Lions in the Bushveld? Let me tell you. Once I was camped near by Leydsdorp. I had a splendid wagon in those days, drawn by eight span [pair] of donkeys. I was sitting by the fire when I noticed great eyes gazing at me out of the darkness. I looked around; there was a ring of eyes surrounding me—lions, thousands of them. I got my rifle; I fired again and again at those eyes. Lion after lion fell dead; I counted eighty-seven. But others took their places and the ring drew closer and closer. My ammunition was running short, so I decided we had better go. In the pitch darkness we had great trouble in sparring [harnessing] the donkeys, who were plunging and rearing with terror."

"I shot a lane through the herds of lions and we set off. Never have I known donkeys go so fast. Three miles an hour is their usual speed; these were doing thirty! Like racehorses they were, and the great wagon bounded along like a fire-engine. "Hour after hour they kept up this break-neck speed, and I could not understand it at all, for the lions had not followed us and the donkeys' terror should have subsided long ere this. I was more frightened clinging to that swaying wagon than I had been among the lions."

"Then, at last, the dawn came, and I saw the reason for it all. "Would you believe it gentlemen?" here the old rascal struck an attitude, "would you believe it? I'd got two of those lions inspanned with the donkeys!"



Major W. E. Doven, of Chicago, denies that city is crime ridden or that the police wink at violations of the Prohibition law.

The repurchase by the Navy of T.M.T. (trinitrotoluene) at profits to the contractors of from 60 to 60 per cent is referred to by the Comptroller and Auditor-General in his comments on the Navy Appropriation Account for 1924-25. It was stated the Admiralty required 450 tons of first-grade T.M.T., and more recently a further quantity of 672 tons. The explosive was supplied by the contractors from a stock bought by them from the Disposal and Liquidation Commission in 1923.

A SELF-MADE SHAH.

CAREER CULMINATES IN CORONATION.

Six feet in height, 50 years of age, with strong features and a rather severe expression, Reza Shah, whose dramatic career culminated in his coronation at Teheran, is an imposing figure. Used to command, he is primarily a man of action and, unlike his predecessors, he has shown that he will not be content to look on and lead a life of luxury.

A postal motor-lobby was recently robbed by brigands near Kerman-shah. The Shah hurried to the Ministry of War early in the morning, ordered the Minister to proceed immediately to the scene, and dismissed the general commanding the troops in that district for allowing such a thing to happen. The brigands were caught and dealt with, and the looted postal matter was recovered.

Born of humble parents, Reza has spent practically his whole life in the army, which he joined at the age of 12. He passed through all the ranks of the Cossack Brigade, until 1921, when, as a colonel at the head of some 3,000 troops, he marched on Teheran from Kazvin and effected his memorable coup d'état, his first aim being the re-organisation of the army as a barrier against the threatened Bolshevik incursion.

Reza's first open rupture with the deposed Shah occurred when the latter was proved to be implicated in a plot against his life at the end of 1925. The Prime Minister was exiled and the Shah himself went on a protracted tour of Europe from which he never returned.

In the following year the present Shah, then Prime Minister, realising that it was hopeless to expect the country to make any real progress under an absent monarch who was Shah in name only, started his ill-advised move in favour of a Republic, no doubt encouraged and influenced by Mustafa Kemal's success. This move was frustrated at the last moment by the hostile demonstrations of the people, egged on by the clergy. But last October Parliament unanimously voted the deposition of the Shah and appointed Reza Khan Pahlavi head of the Provisional Government.

A few weeks later the Assembly met and the Crown was bestowed on Reza Shah, who thus succeeded in emulating the first Napoleon by rising to a throne from the same humble beginning.—"Daily Mail."

TWO CHIVALROUS CHINESE.

DEEDS THAT MAKE FOR FRIENDSHIP.

The "North-China Daily News" of June 1, writes:—

The chivalrous behaviour of two unknown Chinese during yesterday's rioting, by saving small foreign children from the hands of a mob, as described by a foreign gentleman in a letter to this paper, makes very pleasant reading. He writes:—

"My daughter, aged 13 years, was badly beaten by a mob of hooligans yesterday afternoon in Markham Road and was rescued by a tram conductor, number unknown, who ran the risk of being severely manhandled. A Chinese gentleman, name unknown, rescued my three sons, one aged six who received a cut lip and cuts on the legs, one aged eight who suffered severe bruises on the back, and my eldest, aged 11 years, who suffered severe bruises on legs, arm and back. He took them from the crowd into his own house and communicated with me to come and fetch them home. I think it is only fair to publish these facts in justice to the Chinese who risked their lives on behalf of my children."

We heartily concur with the writer in this last sentiment. It is incidents such as this that lead to truer feeling between Chinese and foreigner, and vice versa, and which do much to offset the bad impression created by crowds of vicious hooligans and loafers.

Two gold medals were awarded at the National Rose Society's spring show for new roses—Dame Edith Helen (after the Marchioness of Londonderry) and Lady Margaret Stewart—both sweetly scented, the regret of Messrs. Alex. Dickson, of Newtownards, County Down, Ireland, who showed them, being that, as they were not first exhibited this year, they cannot be entered in the competition for "The Daily Mail's" gold cup for the best new scented rose of the present year, to be awarded at the society's special exhibition of new roses on July 25.

BANDIT-SQUIRE OF CORSICA.

HILLSIDE DEATH FIGHT WITH POLICE.

Romanetti, a Corsican bandit, who for 20 years has kept to the hills and eluded capture, fell in an ambush laid for him by the police.

He had been twice condemned to death in his absence for murder, but the peasantry refused to betray him. He was one of the most important personages in Corsica and used to attend to his private affairs and visit market towns whenever he chose.

He was actually shot down while on his way to visit a wine cellar which he was having built as he had just bought one of the largest vineyards in Corsica.

Every morning he rode down from his hillside refuge to inspect his vineyards. Recently, police were posted on the roadside. Early in the morning Romanetti, mounted on a pony and preceded by a mastiff, rode down the road. When the dog barked, warning him of the police, he unslinging his carbine and opened fire.

His Several Times. The police returned his shots, Romanetti was hit several times, but, throwing his carbine down, he pulled out a big Mauser pistol and carried on the fight until he fell from his saddle. When the police came up they had first to shoot his dog, which refused to allow them to approach, and they then found that the bandit was dead. He had a belt of ammunition on him and was wearing grey corduroys and a soft felt hat.

Romanetti was one of the most picturesque of the Corsican bandits. He was kind to the poor and he had a keen sense of honour. When two of his guards were found guilty of bullying peasants in his name and thieving from them, he gave them summary judgment and shot them out of hand.

He also killed two police officials who tried to arrest him, and so orders had been given "for him" to be shot at sight.

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"MAEDONIA"	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,141	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,000	8th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	9,005	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"TILAWA"	10,006	14th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	18th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"SIRALA"	7,841	22nd July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	6,009	29th June	Melb., Hob., Zimbab., Port Beng., Thursday Island, Towns- ville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th July	
"TANDA"	6,456	20th Aug.	

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"KARMALA"	9,089	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	11th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"SANTHA"	7,764	16th June	Moji and Kobe
"TILAWA"	10,000	22nd June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,935	29th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	6th July	Kobe and Yokohama
"SIRALA"	7,841	13th July	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	13th July	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"RANPURA"	10,585	20th July	Shanghai only
"DELTA"	8,087	27th July	Shanghai and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	14th July	Shanghai and Kobe
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	6,456	29th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,141	6th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,000	13th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,005	20th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	27th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
"MOREA"	10,914	14th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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WRONG USE OF WORDS.

POMPOUS AND WORN-OUT
PHRASES.

Modern English usage. H. W. Fowler. (Clarendon Press, 7s. 6d.)
This is both an extremely valuable and an extremely amusing book, says the "Daily Mail." It explains the precise meaning of words and phrases, showing when they may properly be used, and it describes, with caustic wit and amusing examples, the various errors, vulgarisms, and pomposities that people are guilty of.
Under the heading "Gentelism" we read:—

By gentelism is here to be understood the substituting for the ordinary natural word that first suggests itself to the mind of a synonym that is thought to be less soiled by the lips of the common herd, less familiar, less plebeian, less vulgar, less improper, less apt to come unhand-
somerly between the wind and our nobility.

Worn-Out Humour.

The entry "Worn-out Humour" gives full scope for Mr. Fowler's own sarcastic humour. As instances, he quotes, among others:—

Such grammatical oddities as "muchly"; such puns as "Bed-fordshire and the Land of Nod"; such allusions as the chapter on snakes in Ireland; such parodies as "To or not to—; such quotations as "On—intent," or "single blessedness," or "suffer a sea change" such oxymorons as "the gentle art" of doing something ungentle; such polysyllabic uncouthness as calling a person an "individual" or an old maid an "unappropriated blessing."

With all these we—i.e., the average adult—not only are not amused; we feel a bitterness, possibly because they remind us of the lost youth in which we could be tickled with a straw, against the scribbler who has reckoned on our having tastes so primitive.

Discussing the split infinitive, Mr. Fowler observes:—

The English-speaking world may be divided into (1) those who neither know nor care what a split infinitive is; (2) those who do not know but care very much; (3) those who know and condemn; (4) those who know and approve; and (5) those who know and distinguish.

Five and a half columns are then devoted to a discussion of the different types.

We are glad to notice that Mr. Fowler disapproves of the word "pace."
This Latinism... is one that we could very well do without in English. Not only is it often unintelligible to many readers even when rightly used; it is also by many writers wrongly used.

"The manufacture of moonshine whisky is as easy as, if not easier than, baking bread," was the admission reluctantly wrung from the generalissimo of the Prohibition forces, Mr. Lincoln C. Andrews, by the Senate Committee which is investigating the results of Prohibition.

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FROM KEELUNG.

June 14—J.C.J.L. Tjitaroom
FROM SHANGHAI.

June 10—A.O.L. Pres. Cleveland
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12—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
13—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
14—J.C.J.L. Tjitaroom
15—O.P.S. Empress of Asia
16—M. M. Andre Lebon
17—J.C.J.L. Tjitaroom

FROM SINGAPORE.

June 10—I.O.S.N. Katsang
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FROM MANILA.

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FROM BOMBAY.

July 8—P. & O. Khyber
FROM CALCUTTA.

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FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

July 8—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
FROM LONDON.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karmala" left Singapore for this port on June 5 at 5 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on June 10 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia," Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Wosung), Kobe and Yokohama, at daylight on June 11.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama on June 5 in the afternoon, and is due at Vancouver on June 14.

The B. L. s.s. "Benledi" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on June 15.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 7 a.m. left Yokohama yesterday at 7 p.m. and is due at Hongkong on June 15.

Berlin, May 4.—Suspicion that an underhanded slur against the Locarno policy was intended, has caused the German patent office to prohibit a prominent net manufacturer company from adopting "Locarno" as a trade-mark. It was suggested that the use of this name might be construed as meaning that Germany was enticed into the Allies' net at Locarno.

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd June, at 11 a.m.

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BIRTHS.

FAULKNER.—On May 30, at
Government Hospital, Singa-
pore, to Winifred Mary, wife
of Captain St. John T.
Faulkner, The Duke of Wel-
lington's Regt., a son.

FIGART.—On May 25, 1926, at
31, Marryat Road, Wimble-
don, London, to Mr. and Mrs.
D. M. Figart, a son.

WEGUELIN.—On May 28, at
Tikam Batu Estate, Sungai
Patani, to Ethel, wife of J. B.
Weguelin, a son.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy
King and Mr. W. A. Nowers will
take place on Wednesday, June 9,
at 3 p.m., in St. John's Cathedral.
No invitations are being issued but
all friends will be welcome at the
Cathedral and at a reception
afterward at "Tanderagee" 372,
The Peak.

Hongkong, Tuesday, June 8, 1926.

COMMONS AND CHINA.

For once in a way Far Eastern
affairs have figured in the House
of Commons at question time, but
neither the queries nor the Gov-
ernment spokesmen's replies can
be said to be very enlightening.
All that is done is to emphasise
the obvious, which, of course, is
nothing new in political strategy
in the House of Commons.

With the presence in Hongkong
at the moment of delegates from
Hongkong to pave the way for the
resumption of unofficial and
official negotiations to end the
boycott, Commander Kenworthy's
anxious query in the Commons
as to what steps were being taken
to improve the position arising out
of the boycott is timely, if not
exactly worded as well as it
might. From the form of the
question anybody at home might
be led to infer that the Govern-
ment of Hongkong has only to
dictate an office minute for the
door to distinct improvement to
be opened. Or, again, some
may be led into thinking that it
is actually possible for Hongkong
to take certain steps to improve
the position, but that it is guilty
of dereliction of duty. Both
assumptions and inferences, as
we out here know full well, would
be absolutely erroneous; but they
merely indicate what great care
is necessary even in the framing
of formal questions in the House
of Commons. Both questions and

answers have a wider circulation
than the House—hence circum-
spectation is a sine qua non. In any
event, Mr. Amery, the Secretary
of State for the Colonies, was able
to exonerate the Government of
Hongkong, stating that "it had
neglected no opportunity of at-
tempting to restore normal rela-
tions, but it was severely handi-
capped by the continual political
changes in Canton." And he added
that "everything possible was
being done to remove the unfor-
tunate state of affairs." Whilst
these references in Parlia-
ment to the boycott add not a
scrap to what everybody already
knows, Mr. Amery's replies can-
not do the slightest harm. In-
ferentially they show that the
Home Government is solidly
behind the Hongkong Government
in its desire to conclude an
honourable peace with Canton.
They also implicitly indicate that
if there is anything further that
Hongkong can possibly do to re-
store normal relations, it will
most readily be done. The basis
of conciliation and goodwill, is
there, and it only remains for the
administration or dictatorship in
Canton to meet Hongkong half
way with a view to ending the
deadlock as soon as possible in the
interests alike of Hongkong and
Canton.

Reference was also made in the
House of Commons to the Tariff
Conference, when the British atti-
tude was once again definitely laid
down. The British Government is
committed to the insertion in the
Treaty, which the Tariff Confer-
ence is endeavouring to frame, of
an article granting China tariff
autonomy in 1928. But there its
obligations cease. At the same
time, the Under-Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs pointed
out that, before completing the
negotiations, the British Govern-
ment would undoubtedly expect
China at least to initiate measures
extending the hope of the ultim-
ate abolition of likin. Tariff
autonomy and likin abolition, he
very properly emphasised, are
interdependent. Unless China
shows to the Powers represented
at the Conference that she is fully
prepared to do her part, by
abolishing likin, she cannot very
well turn round afterward and
accuse the Powers of breach of
promise.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PEAK TRAMWAY.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Dear Sir,—As one of those
privileged to inspect the new
winding gear of the Peak tram I
should like to make a few re-
marks.

In nearly all cases where new
machinery is installed there are
bound to be hitches.

Such hitches as have occurred
in the present case are, I am con-
fident, of an early and easily re-
medial nature and I think that
any slight feeling of inconvenience
we have been put to, should be
lost in our deserved admiration of
Mr. Scott who has performed a
modern miracle in practically re-
building the tramway from top to
bottom right under our feet and
scarcely caused us to miss a step.

Yours truly,
A CONSTANT TRAVELLER.
June 8, 1926.

A CIVIL WAS LEVY.

MONEY DEMANDED IN FEW HOURS.

Hankow, May 22. — Foreign
firms in Wanhhsien were startled
last week to receive a manifesto
from the Chinese Chamber of
Commerce of that city, demanding
that they contribute to the cam-
paign expenses of the various
warring Generals in that terri-
tory. This is the first time that
such a demand has been made
upon foreigners in the Yangtze
Valley, and protest has been made
to the consulates of the foreign
firms concerned.

The demand is known to have
originated from General Yang
Sen, who has issued orders for
the collection of \$180,000 from
the Chinese Chamber of Com-
merce of Wanhhsien, and from
the gentry. It was decided to
levy \$105,000 of this amount on
the gentry, \$70,000 on the busi-
ness men, and to secure a cancella-
tion of \$5,000 of the demand.

Chinese merchants being evi-
dently tired of contributing to
the war chests of the various war
chiefs who change from day to
day, and whose extortion is a con-
tinuous performance there, have
decided to "pass the buck" to the
foreign firms of that city, and
have notified them that they will
each be responsible for individual
payments of \$400, and up, accord-
ing to the size of the firm, in
order to make up a good share of
the military war fund. Refusal
to pay will bring dire conse-
quences to the firms on whom de-
mands have been made, as under
those circumstances the Chinese
Chamber threatens to issue drafts
on those firms "payable to the
troops, who will be authorised to
collect direct from the foreign
firms.

Only a few hours, not even one
whole day, was given for the
foreign firms to make their con-
tributions, under threat of collec-
tion by force of arms. None of
the firms have paid as yet, and the
case is now being investigated by
the Consular Departments of the
nationals concerned.

Following is a translation of
the document which was present-
ed to the foreign firms of
Wanhhsien by the Chinese Cham-
ber of Commerce, in its illegal
demand for blood money to swell
the coffers of the fighting War-
lords of Szechuen.

From the Chamber of Com-
merce at Wanhhsien, to all foreign
firms: "Gentlemen:—

"With reference to the loan of
\$180,000 to meet the expenses for
munitions of war and transporta-
tion by the Headquarters of the
gentry and merchants of
Wanhhsien, we have to state that
the matter has been discussed
with the Magistrate and Chief Liu
of the Bureau and an agreement
has been arrived at. Besides the
\$105,000 for which the gentry will
assume the responsibility, the
merchants should assume respon-
sibility for \$70,000. The Magis-
trate and the Chief of the Bureau
have requested the Commander-in-
Chief to waive the remaining
\$5,000. Yesterday the directors
of the various guilds were invited
to a meeting. It was proposed
for the approval of the meeting.
The various guilds were all will-
ing to do their best. Thereupon
the question was publicly con-
sidered and the money was ap-
portioned. It was unanimously
decided that you should advance
\$400. This sum is to be paid in
full to-day in order to save the
situation and to tide over the bar-
rier of difficulty. If the money is
not paid after the expiration of
the time limit, this Chamber will
be compelled to issue a draft on
you to the troops who will collect
direct from you. Do not com-
plain that no notice in advance is
made.

Stamp of the Wanhhsien Cham-
ber of Commerce, May 11, 1926.
—Central Press."

DEBTORS PAY IN FULL.

A Grimsby fruiterer, Mr.
Charles William Cribb, who was
adjudicated bankrupt in June
1908, recently deposited with the
Official Receiver in Grimsby a
sum sufficient to pay all his
creditors in full, together with
the costs of the bankruptcy pro-
ceedings.

The Official Receiver will take
steps to annul the order of ad-
judication.

When it was announced at
Newcastle Bankruptcy Court that
Mr. George Young Winter, dairy-
man, of Rectory Road, Gateshead,
had paid off his deficiency of £168
in full, the Official Receiver said
that this was the third case in six
months in which a debtor had paid
his debts in full.

There would be another similar
case, he said, soon.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

PRODUCE A CROP OF SUICIDES.

Every year the anonymous let-
ter produces a crop of suicides,
says the "Daily Mail."

The majority of anonymous
letters are written through spite
and jealousy. A successful shop-
keeper may excite the anger of a
slow-moving competitor, and dis-
appointed lovers sometimes find
comfort in secret attacks on a
chosen rival. A letter to a newly
married man or woman may
wreck a marriage.

People who declare they have
not a known enemy in the world
are often the target of persons
with a morbid sense of humour.
Cases have been known where the
anonymous writer selected names
haphazard from a directory and
made miserable the lives of utter
strangers.

The less harmful type of anony-
mous missive reaches men and
women holding public positions.
They reek with violent abuse and
charges of corruption and are
generally the vapourings of people
with disordered minds or fancied
grievances.

Only occasionally does the
anonymous writer provide a clue
that leads to his or her arrest.
The man who sent the poisoned
chocolates to the Chief Commis-
sioner of the Metropolitan Police
subsequently made a trivial com-
plaint to the military authorities.
A lynx-eyed official at Scotland
Yard saw the letter, recognised
the handwriting, and the man was
arrested.

Well-known detectives get
shoals of abusive unsigned letters,
presumably from the associates
of convicted wrongdoers. The
language is always lurid.

Every anonymous letter sent to
the police is probed to the bottom.
Last year a bottle found float-
ing in the Thames contained a
message that the writer was held
prisoner in a building overlooking
the river. The police considered
it a hoax, but an extensive search
was made.

Some perplexing problems
have, however, been solved by un-
known police informants. The
disgruntled criminal sometimes
betrays his confederates because
of a fancied or real grievance.
The telephone or an unsigned
letter provides him with the
means.

GRUESOME HONAN TRAGEDY.

A DREADFUL STORY OF FIENDISH CALLOUSNESS.

A correspondent to the "Peking
and Tientsin Times" writes:—

I do not wish you to state in
your paper from what town the
undermentioned report comes, nor
from whom but no doubt the facts
which I personally vouch for will
be interesting in view of the pro-
posed abolition of extraterri-
toriality.

A short time ago a number of
bandits after being tortured were
led out to the execution ground
near the river. They were made
to kneel in a row and then the
beheading began. About a dozen
unable to endure seeing the suffer-
ings of their companions, made a
rush for the river, and in full view
of thousands they were shot down
like ducks, some slowly bled to
death, staining the water with
their blood, some were drowned.
Only one succeeded in escaping to
the other side of the river. After
a short run he was caught,
brought back to the place where
the crowds waited, tied to a pole
and slowly skinned alive. This
extra punishment was meted out
to him for running away.

Another form of punish-
ment was devised for a man
and a woman who had been caught
when attacking the bandits in the
country. They were both buried
alive outside the gate of the city.
Some of the people had gone to
see this new form of punishment,
and mentioned how they had seen
the earth moved about by the dying
agonies of the poor creatures who
were being slowly suffocated. The
reason given for this awful pun-
ishment was that one of the
officers on this occasion had been
killed by the bandits.

To Beauty.

Here, no sadder joy is ever known

To have surpassed this crown divine of life;

In lass is present—and sometimes in crone.

And which with mundane things united rise,

O jewel! Thou that riches fail attain,

And that which Nature frames for evermore,

Once favour us to peep at thy domain.

When we depart to enter by thy door:

For with all things unethically is but one—

One charm, one love, one prized beatitude,

When sprinkling more of thy sweet spice, spare none;

Then quick shall end this time-suggestive feud:

Saving the labour which to better things

To high perfection. Happiness soon stings.

ALEXANDER CLAUDE GREAVES.

MARSHAL SUN INTERVIEWED.

THE GREAT NEED OF RE-ADJUSTMENT.

Interviewed by a representative
of the "Nihon Dempo News
Agency" at Nanking, on May 27,
Marshal Sun Chuan-fang stated
that rumours were current that
the troops under his command
had clashed with the forces of
General Chang Chung-chang in
Hsuehchow, and that he, in co-
operation with General Chia Yun-
ho, was planning to drive away
General Chang from Shantung
Province, but both are quite
groundless.

There is no misunderstanding
between General Chang and him-
self.

Even if any trouble occurs be-
tween them, there is no need for
attack on such a small province
by the allied forces, which are far
mightier than General Chang's.

It is not the time for China to
continue any internal strife, but
to realise the great need of
readjustment. Political upheavals,
followed by civil war, cause a
great loss not only to China her-
self, but also to her neighbour,
Japan.

If the situation in China turns
to the age of rival chiefs, the
European Powers, who are watch-
ing for unguarded moments, will
not fail to extend their influence
in this country. Moreover, Soviet
Russia will not lose any oppor-
tunity to bolshevise China, and
then Japan, most probably, Japan
is now in a critical state with her
social conditions, for there is a
wide gulf between the upper and
lower classes.

If China were placed under the
sphere of influence of the Euro-
pean Powers, the yellow race in
the Far East will probably be
overthrown within ten years.
This is the important point to
which deep consideration must be
given by the Japanese nation.
China should be unified sooner or
later, and he (the Marshal) has a
plan to carry out his scheme on
the "East-Southern Monroe prin-
ciple. He intends to support any
good Government which may be
organised, and not interfere with
any bad Government particularly.

Asked if there is any possibility
of the unification of China, by the
combined efforts of Marshals
Chang and Wu who joined hands
recently, Marshal Sun replied that
it is desirable that both Marshals
should go hand in hand for the
welfare of the country, but they
must go together with moral and
mutual understanding, otherwise
they may fail to fulfil their im-
portant duties.

As regards the anniversary of
the May 30 affair, Marshal Sun
firmly said that if the students
and labourers dared to organise
any anti-foreign movement, he
would not fail to maintain strict
order over any demonstrations.

NORFOLK HOUSE.

The Diplomatic Body in London
is rather unusually busy with
"moves" and prospective moves
of residence at present. Bute
House, South Audley Street, W.,
which has been taken by the
Egyptian Government, is filled
with workmen hastening the com-
pletion of redecoration so that
when the King of Egypt makes
his visit to London this month the
legation may be ready to house
him.

It is likely that a large house
will be acquired before very long
for the Italian Embassy. The
lease of the embassy in Gros-
venor Square, W., is within suf-
ficient distance of its end to make
the acquisition of another home
for King Victor's representative
desirable. There has been some
talk of Norfolk House, the St.
James's Square home of the Duke
of Norfolk, being acquired, but
nothing definite is known yet.

Moscow, May 16.—Furniture,
pictures and bronzes from the old
imperial palaces will be offered to
the public in a series of auction
sales this week. The articles re-
present what is left of the vast
stores of priceless objects col-
lected from all over Russia, after
museums and private buyers had
obtained what they wanted.

TEA DUTY.

CHANCELLOR'S HOPES OF REMOVAL.

A GREAT TASK.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 7.

In the House of Commons, in the Committee stage of the Finance Bill, Mr. A. V. Alexander (Labour, Hillsborough) moved an amendment to reduce the tea duty from fourpence to a penny per lb., quoting the high dividends paid by various tea companies.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply, said that the position had not improved in consequence of recent events in Great Britain, and he was more inclined to search in the near future for additional sources of taxation than give up any on which the Budget was balanced.

Referring to the tea duty, Mr. Churchill said that he still desired the tax to be lightened or removed. It was the first of the indirect taxes which deserved Parliament's attention. He declared that any Chancellor would be grateful if the duty on Empire-grown tea could be removed. He did not know whether it was possible in the life of the present Parliament for Empire tea to enter free. The loss in revenue would be £5,000,000 or £6,000,000 because it would include chicory, coffee, and cocoa. The Government would regard it as a great task to remove the duty on tea if at any time it was possible during the present Parliament. (Cheers.)

The amendment was defeated, the division resulting:—

Against 241
For 105

Majority 136

Clause Passed.

The Finance Bill clause embodying the tea duty was agreed to by the House.

EMPIRE PREFERENCE

LABOUR ATTACK ON THE GOVERNMENT.

CHALLENGE FOLLOWS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 7.

In the House of Commons the Committee adopted the clause of the Finance Bill stabilising Imperial Preference for ten years, after the rejection of a Labour amendment to reduce the period to two years.

The Labourites contended that the Government was not justified in proposing an arrangement operating beyond its possible tenure of office.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replying, pointed out that no Government could bind its successors but he challenged the Labourites to declare their intention to abolish the Imperial Preference stabilisation clause.

The clause was agreed to, the division resulting:—

For 234
Against 115

Majority 119

The Committee agreed to the remission of Customs duties on antiques.

RICH AND POOR.

HOW TAXATION AT HOME IS DISTRIBUTED.

REPLY TO CRITICS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, June 7.

In the course of the debate in the House of Commons on the Finance Bill, Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied to "criticisms" that the well-to-do were considered in matters of taxation more than the poorer classes.

He pointed out that in 1913-14 42½ per cent. of our revenue was raised by indirect taxation, and 57½ per cent. by direct taxation. The proportion for 1925-26 was 35 1/3 from indirect and 64 2/3 per cent. from direct taxation. Included in indirect taxation for the present year was no less than £16,000,000 raised by luxury taxes, which were indirect in their form and did not throw any appreciable burden upon the working classes.

PEKING CABINET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, June 7.

Tu Hsi-kuei and Yang Wen-kai took up Cabinet posts to-day. It is thought probable that Dr. Wellington Koo and Chang Ching-huai will follow suit to-morrow.

IRAQ TREATY.

TO BE LAID BEFORE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

RELATIONS WITH TURKEY.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, June 7.

Questioned in the House of Commons this afternoon regarding the Turkish Treaty, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied: "I am happy to be able to state that the negotiations with the Turkish Government have been brought to a successful conclusion and the Treaty was signed on June 5. As certain minor alterations were made at the very last moment, I am not yet in a position to give the exact text, but the Treaty will be laid before Parliament at the earliest possible date. I should like to take this opportunity of saying that the success of the Treaty is largely due to the spirit of statesmanship and conciliation displayed throughout the negotiations by the representatives of both countries, who will have contributed very effectively toward the renewal of the traditional friendship of their two nations."

DELICATE PROBLEMS

POSITION OF POWERS IN MEDITERRANEAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 7.

The conclusion of the British Turkish Convention, the surrender of Abd el Krim and the formation of a new Egyptian Government, as interacting developments, are likely to give the Chancellors of the Mediterranean Powers delicate problems, in the near future, according to diplomatic correspondents in Paris and London. The latter are very satisfied with the new Convention and are of opinion that Mussolini's recent speeches have discouraged Turkish Chauvinists seeking aggressive adventure.

On the contrary the Echo de Paris, describing the Convention as a triumph for Britain, says "that everything shows that the British and Italian Governments have pursued a joint plan, and says Italy's interest at present centres in the Western Mediterranean. France has no reason to avoid negotiating with her on Colonial questions, but no sacrifices must be demanded from France in North Africa."

The "Daily Telegraph" fore-shadows a meeting at which the respective viewpoints may be ventilated, namely, an international conference on affairs in Morocco, in which France and Spain will be joined to Britain, Italy, United States, Belgium, Holland and Portugal as signatories to the Act of Algeiras, especially to deal with the administration of the international zone of Tangier, where matters are drifting from bad to worse under a "non-descript regime" established by the Convention in 1923.

SECRET PLANS?

AMERICAN PAPER AND JAPAN.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, June 7.

Sensational headlines appear above a page and a half article in the "New York American" purporting to be a translation of the secret plan of the Japanese General Staff in October last year for rapid development in Manchuria and Korea, raising the output of iron, oil and coal, and constructing a network of railway lines terminating in harbours. It is added that Japan in war time will have a deficiency of basic war materials of twelve million tons yearly, whereas the possibility of securing materials from China is remote, because China, as a neutral, might refuse supplies, and it is diplomatically inexpedient to send troops to Chinese territory.

The newspaper alleges in a supplementary report that Chang Tiao-lin at present acutely feels the need for building a number of railways, thereby offering Japan an excellent pretext which is aimed against America from the fact that the report is supposed to assert that "the State with which a conflict for Empire in the Far East is possible, has a navy superior to ours."

GERMAN BANK RATE

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, June 7.

The Reichsbank has reduced the discount rate to 6½ per cent. and the deposit rate to 7½.

SWEDISH PRINCESS.

VISIT TO THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, June 7.

Princess Negrid, daughter of the Crown Prince of Sweden and the late Crown Princess, who was formerly Princess Margaret of Connaught, arrived in London to-day on a visit to the Duke of Connaught, her grandfather. The Princess was accompanied by her two brothers, Prince Gustavus Adolphus and Prince Sigvard.

LONDON SHIPPING.

RECORD FIGURES FOR LAST YEAR.

DOCK EXTENSIONS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, June 6.

The shipping using the port of London last year reached the record figure of 46,000,000 tons, and the Port Authority is considering the placing of contracts for additional facilities.

The expenditure of £4,000,000 on new works has been authorised, and in April a tender was accepted for some of the new works at Tilbury Dock. Tenders are to be invited shortly for the other portion of the new work.

SUPPORT THE FRANC.

WARTIME MEASURES IN FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, June 7.

The renewed slump in the franc is likely to lead to something like a wartime rationing in France, according to the newspapers' interpretation of the Government's decision to restrict imports in order to improve France's balance of payment.

Le Journal says bakers will be ordered to close their shops once weekly, and butchers twice weekly. Bread cards may even be instituted, while means will be devised to prevent the speculative purchase of crops, in France by countries with a high rate of exchange.

Le Matin says a plan to restrict consumption will probably affect wheat, flour, anthracite, coal, petrol and sugar, and certain public works may be suspended.

The statement that the Government contemplated using the gold reserve of the Banque de France to support the franc was promptly officially denied, but the newspapers declare it is hoped to negotiate a loan with American banks, even if the gold reserve of the Banque de France is not employed as a security which was first considered.

CHILD LABOUR.

JAPAN IMPOSES AN AGE LIMIT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, June 7.

An official "Gazette" publishes the texts of the Child Labour Law and Revised Factory Law, to be effective from July 1. The former restricts the minimum age to sixteen after 1923. Meantime, fines are being imposed on employers not reporting to the police children who have not completed their lower primary grade of education. The Factory Law institutes a higher scale of pensions and allowances from factories sickness, injury, and death.

LOCAL WILLS.

LATE MR. G. B. DODWELL.

Property in Hongkong, to the value of \$65,600 was left by the late Mr. George Benjamin Dodwell, director of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, who died at Coniston, Langley Road, Watford, England, on October 9, 1925. His English estate was £70,951.

Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell, deceased's son, was appointed attorney in regard to his Hongkong estate. Property was shared amongst relatives. Deceased directed that his remains should be cremated, and his ashes be buried at Watford. "In order to prevent the possibility of a mistake," "I desire that before my coffin is closed my executors shall require that a doctor shall satisfy himself that death has taken place by severing one of the principal veins of the wrist."

LATE MR. W. L. WEAVER. The late Mr. William Lionel Weaver, architect, who died at St. Paul's Hospital, Hongkong, on August 12, 1924, left property in England to the value of \$1,148.

"PRES. JACKSON."

WHO'S WHO AMONG THE PASSENGERS.

Among the passengers by the

s.s. "President Jackson" which arrived from Manila to-day were:—Major L. J. Ahern, returning to America to take up his duties with the U.S. Army. Mrs. V. McClure Church, en route to Seattle on a pleasure trip. Mrs. McClure is a prominent member of the Manila Colony. Lieut. and Mrs. F. P. Kenny, returning home under orders, but stopping off at Hongkong for a while. Mrs. F. R. Montrose, a resident of Hongkong, returning after a short visit to Manila. Mr. Wm. H. Pinckard, a member of the Texas Oil Co. of Manila, en route to Hongkong to meet his wife who is returning from the states. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Simmons, on a business trip to Hongkong. Mr. Smith a member of the Admiral Oriental Line in Manila. Mrs. Madelin Valentini, the wife of the French Consul of Manila. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wright, on their way to the United States, stopping off in Hongkong for a short time. Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Allen and Miss Alice C. Allen, on his way to the United States to take up his new assignment after some time spent in the Orient. Mr. Wade R. Cothran, connected with a large Insurance Company of Manila, stopping off in Shanghai. Ensign and Mrs. Joe T. Davies, en route to Shanghai to join the Asiatic Fleet at Shanghai. Mr. M. H. Dodge, representative of Fairbanks Morse Co. for the Orient, en route to Shanghai. Mr. J. W. Bruce, returning to the states after a combined business and pleasure trip in the Orient. Mr. Mrs. and Miss Helen M. Ivory, with the United States Shipping Board returning home after some time in the Orient. Lt. Ralph S. McDowell, returning to America on leave, from Manila.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived by the s.s. "President Jackson" from Manila, on June 8:—

Major L. J. Ahern, Mr. Ang Yee-kee, Mr. F. R. Carlin, Mr. Chia Hong-shi, Mrs. V. McC. Church, Mrs. A. M. Horder, Lieut. and Mrs. F. P. Kenny, Miss M. A. Kief, Capt. and Mrs. R. B. Lovett, Miss M. McDonald, Mrs. F. R. Montrose, Mr. Ng Cheng-sin, Mr. W. H. Pinckard, Mr. A. A. Seng Queng, Miss L. Roburds, Mr. G. C. Schweitzer, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Simmons, Mr. F. Y. Smith, Mr. Yu Kin-sontia, Mr. O. Chu Tiong, Mrs. M. Valentini, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wright, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, Miss A. C. Allen, Mr. N. Bloch, Mr. E. Jackson Cassie, Mr. W. R. Cothran, Ensign and Mrs. Joe T. Davies, Mr. M. H. Dodge, Major R. L. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Levy, Mr. G. Luibl, Mr. G. Otska, Mr. R. Portillo, Mr. Yu Yi-tung, Mr. T. Shiota, Mr. G. J. Pollard, Mr. C. W. Rosenstock, Rev. F. J. Boeres, Mr. J. W. Bruce, Rev. J. Fluckiger, Mrs. and Mrs. G. M. Ivory, Miss H. M. Ivory, Lieut. R. S. McDowell, Mrs. M. Northcutt, Mr. J. H. Roberts, Miss M. Suman, Miss S. Whelpton and Mrs. C. D. Wooton.

SUGAR KING.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN D. DIEDRICH.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Santiago de Chile, June 7.

The death is announced of Mr. John Diederich Spreckels, the "sugar king" of the firm of J. D. and A. B. Spreckels, San Francisco.

CHINESE RAILWAY IN DEBT.

JAPAN MAY PLACE ACCOUNTANT ON KIUKIANG LINE.

Kiukiang, May 28.—It is reported that the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway Company owes the Japanese Industrial Society at Hankow a debt of \$10,000,000 in principal and \$1,800,000 in interest.

A representative of the Society came here yesterday to see the manager of the Railway with regard to the matter. He is stated to have suggested two alternatives; namely, that the Company should pay the debt or that the Japanese Industrial Society should send a man to control the accountant Department. This is said to be in accordance with the contract made by the two parties at the time that the loan was granted.

The Company is said to be expecting help from the Provincial Government in clearing off the debt.

It is believed that the price of tickets on the railway will be increased.

General Liu Hwan-chen, the Defence Commissioner of Eastern Kiangse, visited Marshal Wu Peifu, just before the latter left Hankow for the North, to discuss important matters with him.—Reuter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

June 8—Star Theatre: Miriam Cooper and George Walsh in "Serenade."

June 8—World Theatre: June Novak and Lewis Stone in "The Rosary."

June 8—Queen's Theatre: "Barbara Frietschie."

Company Meetings.

June 9—The pupils of Miss Violet Capell will dance at the City Hall, at 6.15 p.m.

June 21—Al fresco concert on the Vicarage tennis court, Kowloon.

Sport.

June 12—Members of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, hold their first bathing picnic.

Company Meetings.

June 10—Forty-fifth meeting of Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Paddar St., noon.

June 10—Annual Meeting of China Association in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

June 14—Presentation of Address by the Catholic Community to the Rt. Rev. Mgr. H. Vallorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, at Theatre Royal, 5.30 p.m.

June 14—Second annual meeting of members of Hongkong Angling Club in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.15 p.m.

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9078 APRIL BLOSSOMS ... KITTY REIDY & H. WORSTER

BAMBALINA

3891 I CAN ALWAYS FIND ANOTHER PARTNER ... KITTY REIDY & CHORUS

WILD FLOWER ... H. WORSTER & CHORUS

3892 GOODBYE LITTLE ROSEBUD ... H. WORSTER

THERE'S MUSIC IN OUR HEARTS ... EVELYN DREW

9079 WILD FLOWER—SELECTION ... ORCHESTRA

AT

ANDERSON'S

INSIST ON

KUPPER BEER

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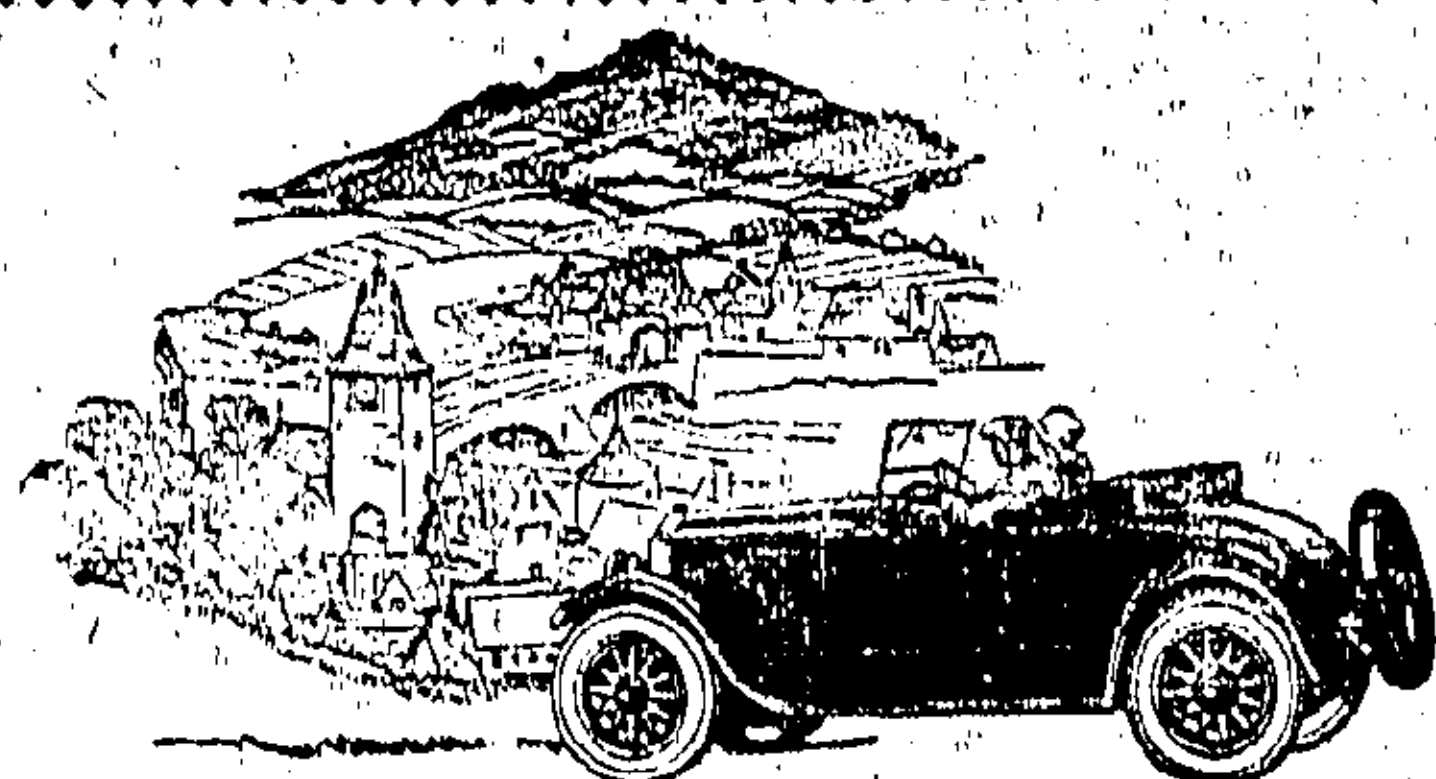
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Those interested are reminded of the matinee dancing display by Miss V. Capell and her pupils at the Theatre Royal, at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow.

The bodies of five Chinese women have been recovered from the sea, states a report from Lokmachau in the New Territories. It is believed that they were the occupants of a junk which capsized.

For failing to stop after an accident and having inefficient brakes, a motor car driver was fined \$25 on each charge at the Central Magistracy yesterday. He was further ordered to pay \$10 compensation to the mother of a child who was injured in the accident.

According to a report received yesterday, Wong Ming, a notorious robber, was shot dead on Sunday at Sha Lan Wan by a member of his gang during a dispute over the distribution of spoils obtained in robberies near the border. Two other men including the leader were wounded, while another escaped in a boat during the affray.

To-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Kowloon Fire Brigade Station the C.S.P. the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe will present certificates of the St. John Ambulance Association to the men of the Kowloon Fire Brigade who passed successfully an Examination in First Aid work. The men were trained under the auspices of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Ambulance Division.

A Chinese interpreter of the Sanitary Department was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with attempting to obtain money by false pretences and demanding a bribe. It was alleged that defendant informed a pork stall-holder at Kowloon City that he had been discovered selling pork without licence, and asked that a sum of \$20 be given to the Inspector and he himself be given as much money as the man could afford. The case was adjourned.

Peking, May 24.—Over 1,400 foreigners are employed in the Chinese Maritime Customs, according to figures carried by the "Chen Pao" this morning. British nationals head the list with 625, Japanese coming second with 232 and Americans third with 226. Other nationalities include 129 Germans, 75 French, 71 Russians and 65 Italians, according to the published statistics.

Carrying about 14,500 cases of apples and 19,000 cases of dried fruits, the steamer "Osterley" (Orient Steam Navigation Co.), from Australia, arrived at Southampton on April 24. Other consignments of suitcases, raisins, and currants which have been grown largely by British ex-Servicemen in the Murray River valley will arrive within the next few weeks. The fruit is subject to careful Government supervision in Australia, and the grading and packing are carried out on scientific lines by white labour.

Zip, the oldest freak known to circus-goers, died in New York aged 84. A strange figure with a small, tufted, conical head, he, with Tom Thumb, was the corner-stone of Barnum's fortune. In the early sixties he used to convulse children and grown-ups with his imitations of "Ajax Defying the Lightning" and "The Maiden's Prayer." Charles Dickens, when he saw him in 1867 asked "What is it?" Ever afterwards Zip, the wild boy, was advertised as "What is it?"

The rescue of a seaman in the Atlantic after he had been nearly two hours in a shark-infested sea and had twice been bitten in the legs is related by the commander of the Union-Castle liner "Ripley Castle." T. Madison, a trimmer, fell overboard twenty minutes after midnight, and he was not missed until one o'clock. The vessel went back on her course for eight miles; and at seven minutes to two cries were heard. Two lifebuoys with flares were let go and a lifeboat launched under the charge of the chief officer. Madison was picked up at ten minutes past two.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society was held last evening at St. John's Cathedral Hall. Proceedings were private.

Mr. D. E. Harris, of Dodwell and Company, and Mr. D. H. Smith, of Dodwell's ten department, have arrived in Shanghai from America.

Lieut. and Mrs. R. W. Christie and children left on June 1 for the United States. Lieut. Christie who is connected with the U.S. Navy, has lived in the Orient for several years.

A forthcoming wedding is announced of Julius Holm, clerk, residing at 119, Praya East, third floor, and Lindamira A. Lopes, telephone operator, residing at 3, St. Francis Yard, second floor.

As will be seen from an advertisement elsewhere, the Craigie-gower Cricket Club are holding a dance on Saturday night for the benefit of the Arnold Stern Ballet Dance Company. Exhibition dances will be given by the members of this Company during the intervals.

Photofu, May 31.—Marshal Wu Pei-fu arrived here at 6.30 o'clock this afternoon, amid the hearty plaudits of the townsfolk. At the station, the Marshal was welcomed by Generals Chin Yun-ao, Tien Wei-chin, and Wei I-san, and many other officials and private persons. Flags were hoisted over every door in his honour.

Chicopee, Mass., May 8.—"Vic" Valcourt, assistant custodian of the Chicopee City Hall, yesterday sold his Ford automobile for two sitting hens. Armand Blanchard of Chicopee Falls was the purchaser. In order to insure the regularity of the transaction a record was taken by Police Chief Frank O'Callahan and will be forwarded to Registrar Goodwin. The car was a 1917 model.

Much interest is being shown in Harbin at the sudden and secret departure of Comrade Grandt, the Soviet Consul-General, who figured prominently in the various incidents connected with the Ivanof administration of the Chinese Eastern Railway. Comrade Grandt left Harbin about a week ago without notifying even his colleagues of the Consular Body. It is believed that he has gone to Harbin, and it is considered doubtful if he will return.

Paris, May 26.—Two cardinals and twelve bishops and a host of dignitaries of the Catholic Church will represent the French Catholics at the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago next month. The Cardinals are Dubois, archbishop of Paris, and Charost, archbishop of Rennes.

London, May 11.—Upright as ever despite his great age, the Earl of Meath, the originator of the Empire Day movement, has been sworn in as a special constable at Chertsey. When asked his age, he said: "Eight-five and still able to tackle a man." "I box every morning."

Tokyo, May 28.—The Navy Club of Tokyo yesterday celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the victory in the Battle of the Japan Sea, which was attended by Admiral Togo, Admiral Yamamoto, the then Naval Minister, many other naval officers, and their families.

General William D. Connor, commanding the United States troops in China, left Tientsin on board the Kailan steamer "Kaiping" on May 14 for Chinwangtao, where he will embark in the U.S. transport "Thomas" for San Francisco. He is bound for Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio, Texas, where he will command the 2nd Division of the United States Army.

Peking, May 25.—The American Legation states that Mr. F. Mayer, the Counselor of the Legation, is leaving for Canton with instructions from the Secretary of State to consult with American consular authorities in South China with regard to the situation in that region, where the numbers of recent outrages against Americans and their interests have caused increasing concern to the American Government.

New York, May 8.—The silver drinking cup which Myles Standish is said to have brought over in the "Mayflower" and used throughout his life sold for \$1,000 at an auction in the Anderson Galleries. It reached the auction room through Thomas L. Page of Stamford, Conn., a direct descendant of Captain Standish, and with it went documentary attestations, part of which showed that the cup had been repaired so frequently that only the original bottom and handle were left.

Twenty million pieces of copper coins have been cast at the Imperial Mint at Osaka for the Siamese Government, through the intermediary of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha's Osaka office, and have been handed over to Siam.

A description of an aeroplane which will not, through any error on the part of the pilot, get out of control in the air was given before the Royal Aeronautical Society at the Royal Society of Arts, John Street, W.C., by the inventor, Capt. G. T. R. Hill, a British air pilot. The machine is a tail-less structure with a swept-back, bird-like wing. It has air-brakes which steepen its glide and enable it to alight in a small area, and will fly steadily even when the pilot has let go all the controls.

Bochum, Germany, May 27.—The national conference for the return of Germany's tropical colonies met here to-day under the presidency of Theodore Seltz, former governor of Cameroon, German South-west Africa. Seltz told the "United Press" that a resolution would be adopted demanding that Germany refuse to enter the League of Nations until she had received adequate assurance of resuming her overseas colonial activity. Preparation will be made for a national campaign to arouse German people to the necessity for regaining control of the colonies lost under the Versailles treaty.

Three Chinese salesmen employed by Hall and Holz, Tientsin, won the first prize, in the Tientsin champion sweepstakes, amounting to over \$55,000. They are C. K. Yen, E. K. Liu and H. Chang, reports the "N. C. Star." The second prize of nearly \$20,000 went to a group of five Russian employees of Poleshook's Russian grocery store on Dickenson Road, British Concession. They are employed as cashier, book-keeper and general assistants respectively. They were induced to purchase the ticket by their employer, who said he would deduct the cost of the ticket from their monthly wages, as the men claimed they could not afford it at that moment. It is not known yet who won the third prize of over \$7,000.

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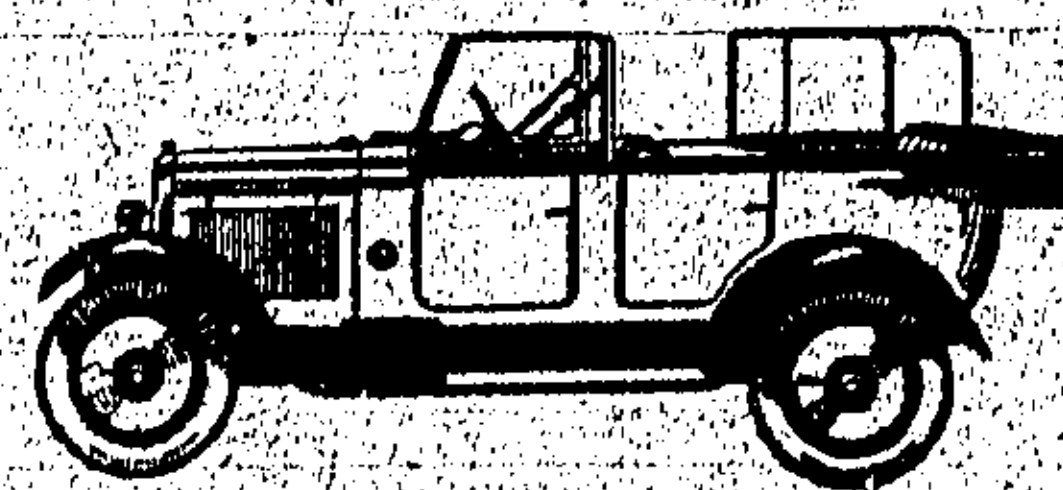
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HOME CRICKET.

YORKS COLLAPSE AGAINST AUSTRALIANS.

ENGLAND v. THE REST.

As cabled by Reuter, Yorkshire have done badly against the Australian cricketers, after giving promise overnight of being able to inflict the first defeat on the tourists.

It must be borne in mind that at the same time, the England v. the Rest trial is being played. I presume that Roy Kilner and Macaulay are both in the England team, although their names have not been cabled. They do not look as if they are in "the Rest" team. Then Holmes may also be playing, as may be Rhodes, or even Leyland. Sutcliffe, we know, is injured.

Yesterday's cable gave the Yorkshire bowlers as Robinson (considered fourth or fifth in the quintette of the champion country's best bowlers) and Crawford (not a regular member of the first XI by any means).

Accordingly, we should not be downhearted when we see Yorkshire lose their grip on the game. It may only be a very weak Yorkshire team playing.

Reference to the trial match will show that the bowlers for the Rest kept the England team with their backs to the wall. Hobbs taking over 3 hours to get less than a hundred. May England do better on Saturday when the First Test starts.

—W. P. C.

9 Wickets For 50.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bradford, June 7. Yorkshire collapsed in astonishing fashion against the Australians to-day (second day's play).

[Note:—On first day the Australians scored 177 runs and Yorkshire were 67 runs for 1 wicket.]

To-day, the weather was fine and the wicket good. There were 12,000 spectators.

From 65 for 1, Yorkshire (1st innings) went on to 105 for 1 but lost the other 9 wickets for 50 runs, being all out for 155!

C. V. Grimmett took 6 wickets for 87 runs and A. J. Richardson 3 for 31.

When stumps were drawn, the Australians (2nd innings) had scored 177 again, but only for 3 wickets down. T. J. E. Andrews made 78.

Hobbs Hits Six Fours.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 7. At Lord's second day's play in the England v. the Rest, Test trial match. There were 10,000 spectators.

[Note:—On first day, the Rest made 211 and England 38 for 3.] England's first innings realised 250 runs. Hobbs made 85, batting 3 hours and 10 minutes, and hit 6 fours.

Larwood (the Notts professional) took 3 wickets for 57. Durston (Middlesex) 2 for 73. V. W. C. Jupp (Northants) 2 for 40. P. G. H. Fender (Surrey) 2 for 32.

When stumps were drawn, the Rest were 63 runs on with 5 wickets in hand, their 2nd innings score standing at 102 runs for 1 wicket.

KOWLOON BILLIARDS.

The opening match of the Palace Hotel billiards handicap was played yesterday at 6 p.m. between T. Goding (owe 120) and F. Hobbs (owe 70) and resulted in a win for Hobbs by 250 points to 170.

Hobbs made breaks of 17, 15 and 24 and Goding 17 and 27. W. Moore (owe 200) defeated J. H. Almeida (owe 30) by 250 to 199. The winner made breaks of 16, 15, 20, 17, 17, 20, 17, 25, 26 and 16.

To-day's Matches.

6 p.m.—E. R. Hyndman (owe 30) v. G. Blain (scr.). 9 p.m.—W. Fish (owe 150) v. Corpl. Tibbey (owe 200).

WIN FOR BRITISH CYCLISTS.

London, May 29. In the International (scratch) 1,000 metres amateur cycle race at Horne Hill, Pryor, of Manchester, was first, Sibbit, of Manchester, second, and Ozmella, of Germany, third. The time was 3 mins. 7.45 secs. Ozmella ran fourth in this event last year when it was won by Meyer of Holland. Neither the first nor second have been placed before.

FULL DETAILS.

M.C.C. v. AUSTRALIANS MATCH.

LAST DAY'S PLAY.

Last Saturday full notes on the M.C.C. v. Australians match (first two days' play) were given in the "China Mail."

The third day's play is described below with full scores.

London, May 18.

At Lord's, the match between the Australians and the M.C.C. was drawn.

The resumption was delayed by rain and bad light.

The wicket was soft and easy after the overnight rain.

Ponsford and Richardson established a good last wicket partnership of 110 runs, which lasted a hundred minutes, and were unbeaten when the closure was applied.

Ponsford batted for 215 minutes. He showed a wonderful defence, while his timing and placing were beautiful. He hit eight fours.

Play was not started until 11.15 o'clock and had to be stopped at 12.20 and re-started at 12.45.

At the lunch interval the score was 317 for nine wickets, Ponsford and Richardson being unbeaten with 76 and 23, respectively.

The M.C.C. went in for their second innings at 3.55 and at the tea interval had lost two wickets for 38 runs.

Hendren and Carr were unbeaten with 13 and 22, respectively.

Stumps were drawn at 5.30 with the score at 83 for five wickets.

Scores:—

M.C.C.—1st Innings.

J. C. W. MacBryan, c Woodfull, b Gregory 2

Hendren, b Richardson 38

A. W. Carr, c & b Richardson 6

G. T. S. Stevens, c & b Richardson 77

A. P. F. Chapman, c Ryder, b Collins 51

M. K. Foster, l.b.w., b Richardson 11

Richardson, l.b.w., b Collins 3

M. Falcon, not out 14

Nigel Haig, c Gregory, b Collins 1

Kennedy, l.b.w., b Richardson 0

H. W. F. Franklin, c Oldfield, b Richardson 0

Extras 2

Total 199

Bowling Analysis.

Gregory 1 for 29.

Macartney 0 for 44.

Richardson 6 for 85.

Collins 3 for 39.

Australians—1st Innings.

W. A. Oldfield, c Carr, b Haig 21

A. A. Mailey, c Franklin, b Haig 21

W. Bardsley, b Haig 11

H. L. Collins, b Astill 33

C. G. Macartney, st. Franklin, b Haig 61

W. M. Woodfull, b Haig 9

J. M. Taylor, b Falcon 9

W. H. Ponsford, not out 110

J. Ryder, b Haig 20

J. M. Gregory, c Kennedy, b Astill 30

A. J. Richardson, not out 50

Extras 17

Total (for 9 wks., dec.) 383

Bowling Analysis.

Falcon 1 for 60.

Stevens 0 for 75.

Haig 6 for 102.

Kennedy 0 for 69.

Astill 2 for 60.

M.C.C.—2nd Innings.

J. C. W. MacBryan, c Woodfull, b Ryder 2

Ryder 4 for 29.

G. T. S. Stevens, b Ryder 1

Hendren, c Oldfield, b Ryder 14

A. W. Carr, c and b Mailey 32

A. P. F. Chapman, not out 24

M. K. Foster, b Ryder 5

Astill, not out 2

Extras 2

Total (for 5 wks.) 83

Bowling Analysis.

Gregory 0 for 29.

Ryder 4 for 29.

Mailey 1 for 23.

AUSTRALIA'S STRONG BATTING.

London, May 29.

The Australian team has been batting very powerfully and evenly in all its matches but the bowling has been treated with too much caution. It is generally thought that the test matches are not likely to be played to a finish except when the wicket is by any chance sticky.

CONTINENTAL BOXING.

Paris, May 19.

In a fifteen round contest Francis Charles, the light-heavyweight champion of France, knocked out Hugo Breitenstrater, the German heavy-weight champion, in the second round.

HOW WE LOST.

INTERPORT CRICKET COMMENT.

THE FULL SCORES.

Comment on the match played on May 28 and 29, in which the Hongkong interport cricket team lost to Malaya by an innings, is given fully in the Singapore papers to hand late yesterday afternoon.

Malaya's total of 383 is the largest score put together by a Malayan side since the visit to Hongkong in 1897, and the largest aggregate of the interport series since Hongkong knocked out 417 against Shanghai in 1912.

Since the first interport between Shanghai and Hongkong some sixty years ago, Hongkong's score of 35 is a low record.

Bostock-Hill's taking 9 wickets for 10 runs is also probably a record.

The "Singapore Free Press" remarks:—

Fortune smiled on Malaya in winning the toss and also because, had some of the catches that were offered been accepted, the total must certainly have fallen far short of what it eventually realised.

For example, Hamilton was twice missed, at 12 (missed by Watters at mid-off) and again at 31 (an easy chance to Sayer) expensive mistakes, Malaya made a bad start.

Both Bowker and Reed required careful playing and runs came slowly, the first half hour seeing only 24 on the board.

Armitage offered two possible chances (one a difficult catch in the slips, J. D. Humphreys falling).

Reed had 8 men on the "off" at one time.

James was badly missed in the long-field by Reed.

Hongkong's fielding: The bulk of the attack fell on Bowker, Reed, and Powell, the first two bowling particularly well in the opening stages, though, inevitably, they tired as the innings proceeded.

Bowker was the most successful, but his four wickets cost 104 runs. There were instances of smart work in the field by the visitors, but the standard of the fielding was not as high as in a recent match.

Stripp, however, kept wicket well, no better indication of the merit of his work being needed than the fact that in the innings of 383 he only allowed 6 byes.

Malaya scored their runs in just over four hours.

Luck played a very large part in the rout of the visitors. Malaya had been able to compile their big total on a perfect wicket. Hongkong had to resume batting the second day on a wicket rendered soft by fairly heavy rain during the night and before it recovered their first innings was over in an hour and the match as good as won.

Bostock-Hill bowled exceedingly well, keeping a perfect length throughout the innings. He was consistently difficult to play and in his nine overs he sent down hardly a loose ball. Encouraged undoubtedly by the three captures he made in his first two overs, even as the last Hongkong batsmen were intimidated from the same cause, the Negri bowler was as unplayable as far as any bowling can justify the description.

Hongkong batted four hours in the afternoon—of which the innings of Hancock and Bowker were the most attractive. Then followed a brilliant piece of captaincy at the close, and the final victory of Malaya, the sixth they have obtained against Hongkong by an innings and 112 runs.

Our First Innings.

Tamsay played carefully only to fall a victim to a beautiful ball which came in and took his leg stump. With the first ball of his second over Bostock-Hill clean bowled Fincher, these two wickets having fallen without a run being scored.

These were the only occasions on which the stumps were disturbed during the innings. Thereafter the Hongkong batsmen could not keep the ball down. Stripp was caught by Huggins at mid-off, off the last delivery of Bostock-Hill's second over, his three wickets having been obtained for only one run! Hancock and Sayer were associated in a partnership which survived five overs and then the Hongkong captain, playing forward to a difficult ball from Bostock-Hill, gave Armitage a simple catch at mid-on, fifty minutes batting having produced 11 runs. At this stage Bostock-Hill's analysis read 4-3-2-4.

Sayer, at the wickets 20 minutes for 2, skied Bostock-Hill and was caught; Hamilton caught Watters at cover. Six wickets down for 18 runs after seventy minutes batting, Bostock-Hill's analysis reading 6-5-3-61.

Balchatchet, off the third delivery of Huggins, second over, turned the ball nicely into Rhodes' hands, at

square leg. Since the resumption, seven-wickets had fallen and had only added eight runs. Bowker was applauded for cutting the first ball he received from Huggins, to the ropes. He skied a ball to mid-off and Hamilton ran across to bring off a well judged catch. Powell pulled Huggins to the leg boundary. Humphreys skied Bostock-Hill to Rhodes. Reed got in front of the first ball of Bostock-Hill's tenth over, and the innings closed after an hour and 25 minutes, all the wickets having fallen in an hour for 28 runs.

Our Second Innings.

Hongkong opened their second innings on a wicket that had almost recovered from the rain and was practically lifeless.

Stripp and Sayer got runs slowly, the bowling being changed. Fincher was caught in the slips. Sayer gave Foster a difficult one-handed chance at close range off Bostock-Hill, and when he was 41 the same batsman was nearly

stumped off de Vitre. When 23 Ramsay was given a life by Charlesworth in the slips.

Sayer reached his fifty after being two hours at the crease. Huggins relieved Bostock-Hill and off his first ball he had Sayer caught in the slips. Sayer was a patient innings containing five fours.

Ramsay was out to a bad stroke off a ball which came up rather more than the others. He had batted attractively for an hour and 25 minutes, hitting seven boundaries. Hancock batted vigorously but Rhodes saved a lot of runs on the boundary. The Hongkong captain showed a particular liking for Armitage.

Hancock was caught at cover-point. Watters was finely caught in the slips.

Balchatchet spent an uncomfortable ten minutes against de Vitre before being out to a very bad stroke, lifting a ball on the off neatly into Huggins' hands when he himself was past the wicket.

Bowker took his place and there followed the brightest piece of batting of the day, in interesting contrast to the failures of the morning. Taking full advantage of a chance in the slips before he had scored, Bowker proceeded to hit vigorously, the second hundred going up after three and a half hours. Bowker showed a liking for de Vitre and sent him to the ropes four times in two overs, scoring 35 in twenty minutes.

Humphreys pushed a ball on the off into de Vitre's hands at point. Bowker's innings was brought to a close as a result of a fine example of captaincy on Foster's part. After a word with Hamilton, the Malayan skipper himself went out on to the boundary, so that he had five men ready for a boundary catch from Bowker, whose justly hitting justified the manoeuvre.

The tactics met with almost immediate success for Bowker hit Hamilton hard towards the on boundary and Foster judged the catch a yard or two from the ropes, to perfection. Bowker was only at the wickets for half an hour, and his 45 included seven fours. Another ball bowled and the innings and match was over. Off the first ball he received Reed hit Hamilton, to almost the same spot where Bowker had been caught and he was well taken by de Vitre.

Bostock-Hill and Hamilton were the most successful bowlers of the innings, but Clarke, although he only secured one wicket, bowled extremely well.

Full scores:—

Malaya—1st Innings.

V. O. Charlesworth, b Bowker 1

A. J. Bostock-Hill, b Bowker 11

Capt. E. L. Armitage, c Hancock, b Bowker 59

R. N. Hamilton, b Powell 9

N. J. A. Foster, b Powell 3

V. E. H. Rhodes, c Watters, b Bowker 10

E. C. de Vitre, c Balchatchet, b Powell 4

H. M. James, b Reed 1

J. Huggins, not out 7

C. H. G. Clarke, b Sayer 1

Extras 1

Total 383

Runs at fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-29, 3-54, 4-119, 5-197, 6-246, 7-347, 8-375, 9-383.

Bowling Analysis.

Bowker 9-0-104

Powell 21-0-112

Sayer 6-1-0-47

Reed 27-8-85

Balchatchet 5-0-24

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G. R. Sayer, c de Vitre, b Bostock-Hill 45

A. C. L. Bowker, c Foster, b Hamilton 16

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Commander G. H. Wilkins as he hopped off for a flight of several hundred miles over the wastes of the North. The photograph was taken at Fairbanks, Alaska, the base from which Wilkins will try to reach the Pole by aeroplane.



ADMIRAL E. W. EBESSEN
Rear Admiral E. W. Ebesen has been seriously ill.



Milton Wagman, 20, (on left), who was caught by the police as the kidnapper of Miss Emma Martucci, nine (centre), admitted the deed, declaring that he had bought a small motor car and could not keep up the payments, hoping to extort \$6,000 from Emma's father (shown on right).



Richard R. Whittemore, leader of the "Candy Kid" gang, was placed on trial charged with the murder of Louis M. Yarrington and Charles W. Clifford, bank messengers.



Congressman Fred A. Britten demanded a Congressional inquiry into alleged admissions of three Representatives that they have been paid by the Anti-Saloon League for lectures on prohibition. The three mentioned are shown above, from left to right: Mr. L. C. Cranston, Mr. G. M. Hudson, and Mr. W. D. Upshaw, a dry leader in the House.



GOVERNOR RITCHIE



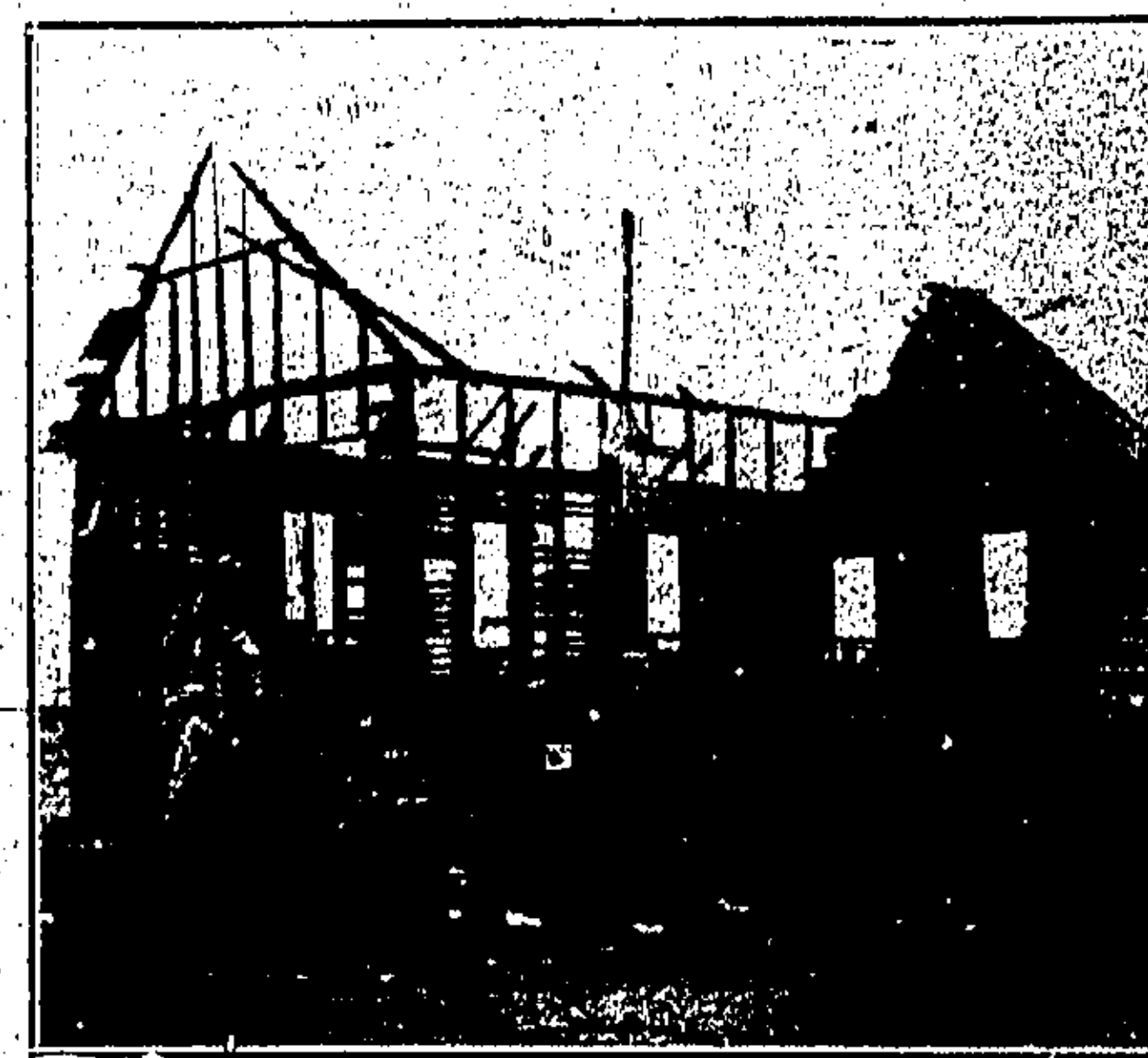
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A Coloured Baptist Church was burned by a crowd of whites after John Carroll, pugilist, was stabbed to death by a negro, and a companion probably fatally injured. Armed with pistols, baseball bats, and rifles, the white men drove all members of the coloured settlement from the city before setting fire to the church.

In the story books there is always a rich admirer who woos and wins the poor little working girl. In the life of Miss Ethel Archer, 23 years of age, an hotel telephone operator, there came Mr. William Hedgecock, 51 years of age, a millionaire steel man, and their romance had the story book finish. They are honeymooning in Europe.

Friends of Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, arranged to obtain a "second choice" endorsement of him for the Democratic Presidential nomination from New York, presuming that Governor Smith is "favourite son." The pension of former Mayor Hyman, of New York, and a score of other former city employees was declared invalid by the Courts. Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, son of the late President, declares that the Volstead Act is a breeder of crime. Mr. Chauncey Depew, capitalist, at the age of 92, asserts that he believes in God, the United States, the radio, and the automobile.

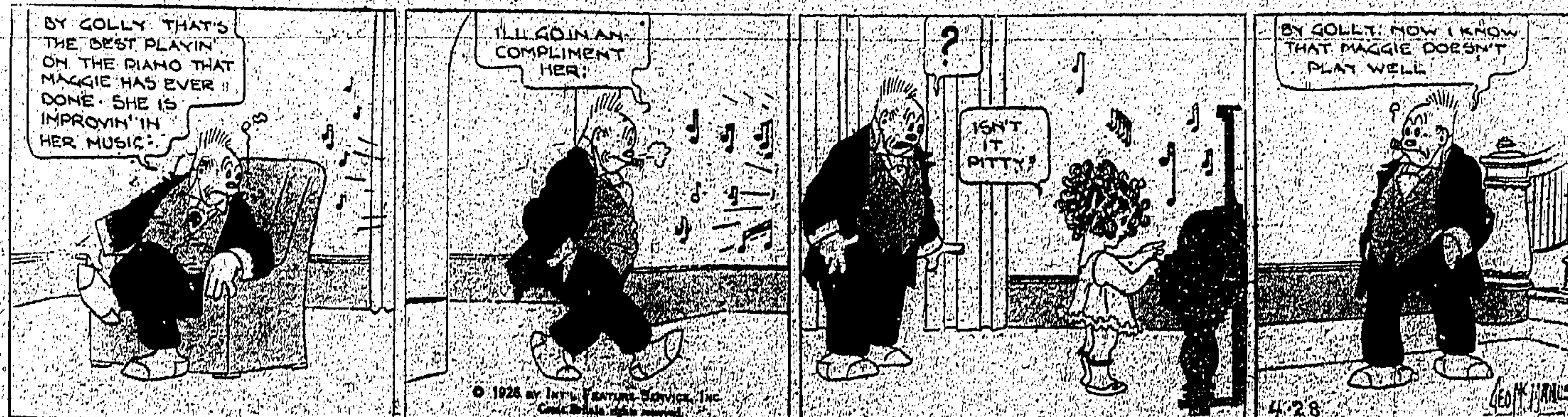
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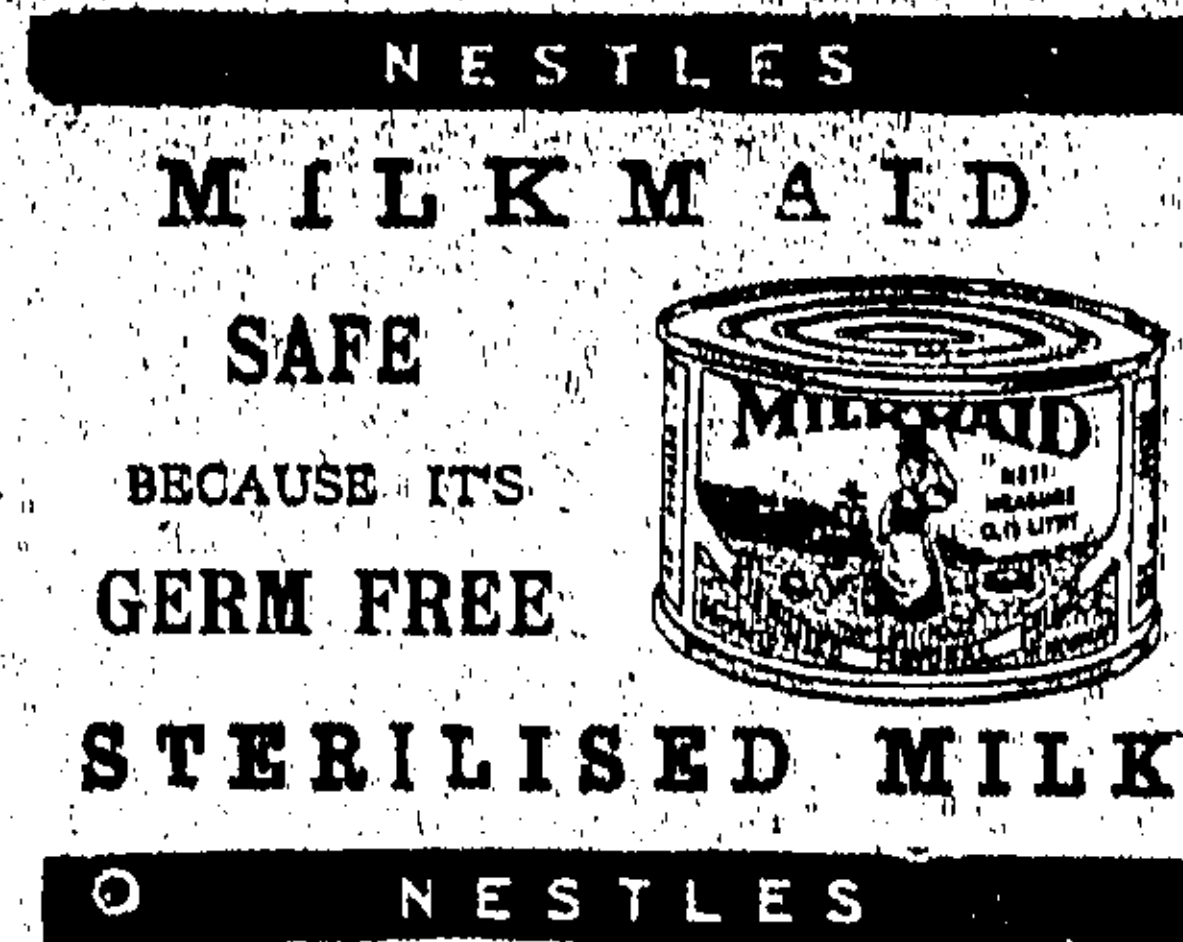
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